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SUPREME COUNCIL 33°

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Vision and Mission Statements

Vision Statement

Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Canada must be an organization that is well managed by highly motivated men with vision and leadership skills, which is attractive to interested Masons of good character, is well understood, is embraced by the family, and makes a positive impact on the quality of life through the reinforcement of high moral values.

Mission Statement

Scottish Rite is a fraternity of Master Masons whose Mission is to teach, to train and to encourage members to practise the important lessons of truth, of honour, and of virtue.

It promotes belief in a Supreme Being and brotherly love amongst all people regardless of race, colour, or creed.

It improves the individual character through the lessons taught in the degrees and through leadership training and relevant programs.

It seeks to make a positive impact on the welfare of mankind through its charitable foundation.

It is a financially sound organization which leads by example

Supreme Council Officers
2025 – 2026

ILL∴BRO∴DAVID ALLAN BENNETT, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

ILL.·.BRO.·.THOMAS A. WILLS, 33°

Lieutenant Grand Commander

ILL.·.BRO.·.BRIAN WILFRED GILKINSON, 33°

Grand Chancellor

ILL.·.BRO.·.TERRY ALLAN McLEAN, 33°

Grand Secretary-General

ILL.·.BRO.·.ALAN JOHN STODDART, 33°

Grand Treasurer-General

ILL∴ BRO∴ JOHN L. (JACK) BARR, 33°
Deputy for British Columbia & Yukon

Jack was born a proud Leo on August 11, 1964 in Vancouver, BC, and has lived there his entire life.

After completing high school, Jack obtained his Real Estate licence and worked alongside his father in the family business, where he continues to enjoy the real estate development industry nearly 40 years later. Married in 1990 to Michelle, they have three daughters Stephanie, Christina and Allison and they enjoy summers in Pender Harbour, a seaside hide-a-way just north of Vancouver along the Sunshine Coast. When the weather turns a little more inclement, Honolulu is a usual spot they can be found relaxing. An avid sports fan, Jack likes skiing, golfing and fully enjoys supporting the BC Lions of the CFL and the NHL's Vancouver Canucks; and hopes to still be around to finally see them win a Stanley Cup. He's also been known to appreciate Philosophy, Architecture, a good meal, a fine wine and a non-peaty single malt whisky.

As a political buff, Jack was a constituency president for a 'not-to-be-named' party for a few years in the 80's and has always enjoyed keeping up on the political scene, be it Municipal, Provincial or Federal. Community wise, and having certain business holdings in Powell River, BC, Jack sat on its Chamber of Commerce board for a while before becoming its President for 5 years from 2012 - 2016. During that time, he also joined the Sunshine Coast Tourism Board with an eye on promoting sustainable and respectful tourism to the region, and more recently, has been its President for 5 years. In matters of Faith, Jack's place of worship is the Canadian Memorial United Church in Vancouver.

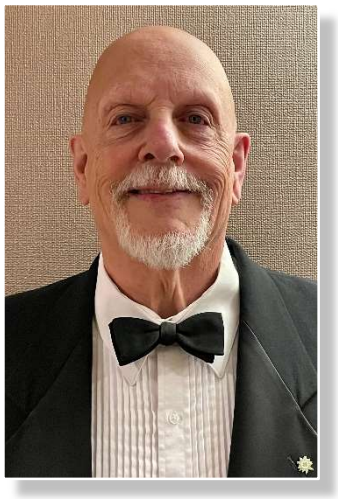
Jack was raised into Vancouver Lodge No. 68 in the spring of 1988 along with his younger Brother, Jim. This was the Lodge where his father, Richard Barr, 33°, and Uncle Lyle Barr, 33°, were active members; and where his Grand Father, Matthew J. Barr, was the founding Worshipful Master in 1913. He was Worshipful Master in 1996 and was Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon under M. W. Bro. William Cave in 2011 - 2012. He has been part of the Grand Lodge of BC&Y Building Committee since 2000 and served as its chair from 2005 – 2011. He became a member of the Board of the Vancouver Masonic Centre Association in 2000 and has been its President since 2007. During that tenure, Jack, and his steering committee, spent 10 years overseeing the redevelopment of the Vancouver Masonic Centre, a $110 million-dollar legacy project bringing 150 affordable and market rental units to downtown Vancouver and creating the new home of the Grand Lodge of BC&Y in one of the newest Masonic facilities in North America.

He joined Joppa Chapter No. 31 of the Royal Arch in 1989. Was Initiated into Gizeh Shriners in 1994, joined its Patrol Marching Unit in 1997 and served as its President for several years starting in 1997. During the Shrine of North America's Imperial Sessions in Vancouver in 2002, he, alongside his father, ran the Marketplace during the event, the main fundraising affair for the Sessions. He was inducted into the Red Cross of Constantine in 1997 and was its Most Puissant Sovereign in 2008. He has also been a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 2004.

Jack received his 32nd Degree in the Valley of Vancouver in 1995 and served as its Commander-in-Chief in 2007. Jack was honoured to be Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, in Halifax and has fond memories of Ill. Bro. C. Robert Townsend, 33°, welcoming the class of 2006. He has been a representative of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation since 2005 and has been a founding Board Member of the SRCF's BC Learning Centre for Children with Dyslexia since the Vancouver Centre opened in 2008; and has acted as fundraising chair for that period. He also enjoyed being on the Supreme Council Committee for the Vancouver Sessions in 2008. In 2021 Jack was elected a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, in 2022 he was invested as Grand Sword Bearer, and in 2025 he was invested as Deputy for BC&Y.

Jack believes in the ancient Aristotelianism concept of Eudemonia in that happiness, as a result of an active life governed by reason and virtue, could be the purpose of life and much of this can be found in Masonry and its teachings.

ILL∴ BRO∴ A. BRUCE TAYLOR, 33°
Grand Sword Bearer



Ill. Bro. Taylor was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 8th, 1949. At age 6, on a suggestion from his maternal Grandmother, took up playing the Great Highland Bagpipe. Playing in several bands in Winnipeg, and competing at the World Pipe Band and North American competitions, in Grade 2. He was the solo piper at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 1970, and Pipe Major of the Winnipeg Police Pipe Band for 12 years. He joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders Infantry Militia Battalion, and served as a Piper, and was a trained infantry soldier, serving in Germany in 1969.

On his return to Canada, he joined the Winnipeg Police Force, and served 30 years as an operational Police Officer, retiring in 1999 while holding the rank of Police Superintendent.

In 1973, he married Veronica Plemel, and together raised a Son and Daughter, Gordon and Sharon, and enjoy their Grand Daughter Ruby.

Since retirement, Bruce enjoys teaching Police related skills to a Federal Security Guard company, and test-driving Motor Coach Industries highway coaches. He is an avid coin collector, sportsman, and active Ham Operator, known by his call sign VE4SF.

Bruce was initiated into Free Masonry in Capitol Lodge No. 136, GLM, in 1987, Master of his Lodge in 1994, District Deputy Grand Master in 2002, Honorary Life member of the Board of General Purposes, Past Grand Treasurer, and chairman of numerous committees. Initiated into the Royal Order of Scotland in 2004, serving as Provincial Grand Master from 2016 - 2022. Currently the Secretary of the order in Manitoba. Initiated into Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in April 1991, and received the 32° in October of that year. Served as Most Wise Sovereign in 2011, Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 2014, and Commander-in-Chief in 2021. He received the Walter C. MacDonald Meritorious Service Award in 2018. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33° in Windsor in 2015 and Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Saskatoon, SK, in 2022.

►WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10◄

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 - 12:00 noon

The 151st Annual Session of the Supreme Council of Canada was conducted virtually using Zoom conferencing solutions. The Sovereign Grand Commander welcomed everyone to the 151st Annual Executive Session of Supreme Council and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Annual Members' Meeting.

SGC: First of all, I would like to welcome every one of you and thank you for taking the time to be with us today. I've seen some of you over the course of the summer, but I do trust that all of you had a pretty good summer. I know that our thoughts at Supreme Council have been with many of the brethren and the families in the areas that have faced difficulties relating to forest fires and the lack of water in some places, so we've been thinking of you, and hope that all is well with your brethren and Valleys. At this time, I would like the Grand Secretary-General to please call the roll.

GSG: Thank you Sovereign Grand Commander, brethren please respond verbally when your name is called.

Active Members:

John Barr	P	Graham Fraser	P	Karl Springer	P
David Bennett	P	Brian Gilkinson	P	Clive Stephenson	P
David Boyd	P	Gordon Greasley	P	Errol Stewart	P
Robert Brethour	P	Stephen Hannah	P	Alan Stoddart	P
Richard Brown	P	Bruce Jardine	P	Bruce Taylor	P
Kent Clarke	P	Richard Jones	P	Gareth Taylor	P
Adrian Cretu	P	Brent Julian	P	Ronald Taylor	P
William Davis	P	Allan Long	P	Matthew Todd	P
Owen Devereaux	P	Joel MacDonald	P	Steven Warren	P
Jeffrey Dickson	P	Gordon Maitland	P	Orlan Weber	P
Douglas Easton	P	Terry McLean	P	Harold Welke	P
William Fitzsimmons	P	Fayez Oustwani	P	Robert Whitmore	P
Paul Frank	P	John Revell	P	Thomas Wills	P

Past Active Members:

William Atkinson	R	Douglas Keam	A	Duncan Skinner	P
George Cooper	A	Loren Kline	P	Edward Standish	R
Michael Farr	P	Victor Lepp	R	James Sutherland	P
Stephen Godfrey	R	Ronald MacDonald	P	John Teleske	P
Miles Graham	A	Marvin Munro	A	Donald Thornton	P
Allan Hadley	A	Chesley Piercey	A	John Trousdale	A
John Harrison	R	John Prosnick	A	Michael Ward	A
David Hooper	P	James Ross	R	Gordon Young	A
Maurice Hrycyk	R	Jacques Ruelland	A		
Samuel Kalinowsky	A	Opkar Sandhu	P		

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Directors:

Joseph Angel	P	Mark Durant	P	Stephen Kennard	P
William Cave	P	Paul Finch	A	John Lark	P
Gary Cayen	A	John Forster	A	James Vasko	P

SGC: Grand Secretary-General please review the protocol and procedures for this conference call.

GSG: Yes, Sovereign Grand Commander,

- Attendees should be in a quiet area with no noises that will disrupt the call.
- Speak only when called on or when voting viva voce.
- If you have a comment or question, click on the "Raise Hand" feature at the bottom of your screen.
- Active Members, the majority of the voting will be done as in the past, by asking if anyone dissents to the motion being presented.
- When presenting reports, wait to be called on and please be as brief as possible.

That's the protocol Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: Thank you, Terry.

Among the several events attended was the National Learning Centre conference held in Hamilton in June, which I was pleased to attend. It was great to listen to the good work being accomplished and the excellent exchange of best practices and initiatives. My congratulations to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation President Richard Jones and with that said, I will now turn the meeting over to him for the, Charitable Foundation's Annual Members' meeting.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Of Canada

The Roll Call was taken by the Grand Secretary-General prior to the meeting being turned over to the President of the SRCF.

1. **Call to Order:** President Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, called the meeting to order and reminded everyone that according to Article 2.01 the voting members of the Foundation are those who are members of Supreme Council. He then called on the Grand Prior, Ill. Bro. Gordon Maitland, 33°, to make the invocation.
2. **Prayer:** The Grand Prior, Ill. Bro. Gord Maitland, 33°, gave the invocation.
3. **Reading the notice of meeting:** The notice of meeting was read by the Secretary.
4. **Approval of the agenda:** *It was moved by Ill. Bro. Bob Brethour, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. David Boyd, 33°, that the agenda be approved as distributed.* **Carried.**
5. **Declaration of conflict:** The president reminded the members to inform the President in advance if a topic under discussion will potentially represent a conflict of interest for them.
6. **Approval of the minutes of the members meeting held on Wednesday September 11th, 2024:** *It was moved by Ill. Bro. Allan Long, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Brent Julian, 33°, that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday September 11th, 2024, be approved.* **Carried.**
7. **Business arriving from the minutes:** *There was none*.
8. **Treasurer's Report, Audit Report, the Investments Committee Reports:**

   Treasurer's Report

   Ill. Bro. James Vasko, 33°, noted that complete details are in the reports that were circulated before the meeting and that his presentation would highlight specific items and trends. He began his report to the meeting by noting that contributions (donations and bequests) in 2025 exceeded the amounts received in 2024 by almost $234,000. In addition, our investment income was strong in comparison to last year. While it was down $50,000 the reduction in interest rates could have resulted in an even greater loss because interest rates fell dramatically this year.

We had a gain on disposal (sale) of assets of $2.2 million. During the year the Treasurer and our wealth manager, RBC Dominion Securities, selected certain investments that were not performing due to market circumstances. SRCF sold these and we realised a gain of $2.2 million on transactions that occurred in October and November of 2024 and January of 2025.

The total income is $3.9 million which is significantly higher than it was in 2024. Expenses were reasonable, administrative expenses were $60,000 higher than 2024, of which $58,000 related to staffing the Executive Director's position and SRCF travel expenses. Other expenses totalled $136,000 resulting in total expenses of $205,000.

The Foundation distributed $3.7 million. The Foundation distributed of approximately $1.37 million, made up of research grants of $911,000, Learning Centre grants of $400,000 and Deputy Awards of $28,000. Revenues less expenses this year is $2.3 million while in 2024 there was a loss of $50,000. After accounting for unrealized gains of $300,000, the net excess of income over expenses is $2.6 million. Our statement of financial position notes assets of $28.7 million, our assets in 2024 were $27 million. When income is included, our total assets are $28,658,000.

Audit Report

Our independent auditors report is favourable. As is usual for charities in general, we received a qualified opinion. The qualification is because the auditor cannot verify that all funds raised have been accounted for. The key statement in the audit report is "This statement represents, or presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation." This summary remark gives us confidence to use the financial report as we move forward.

The Audit Report presents the financial statements and observes that we have those internal controls in place that we see as necessary. The report noted that we keep the principle of a going concern in mind when we disclose our financial results. The auditor's responsibilities include validating our controls, looking for material misstatements and errors, and obtaining an understanding of our controls and testing their effectiveness. In addition, the auditors evaluate our accounting policies.

The Audit Report mirrors information found in the treasurer's report. The statement of operations in the Audit Report is $2,616,000 as is noted in the Treasurer's Report. There is a note that the distribution of $1,371,500 is the total, including the Research and Learning Centre grants and the Deputy Awards, where these are shown separately in the Treasurer's report.

The statement of cash flows is a reconciliation of the changes in cash from the previous year to the current year's cash. The Audit Report shows the inflows of cash and sources of cash at the top of the page and bottom the page shows outflows of cash.

We requested that the notes section of the financial statements provide more detail than was included in the previous report to ensure that the Report was clear and complete.

The Foundation is always exposed to interest rate and market risks which are listed on page 12. An analytical scenario is included which assesses the impact if GIC interest rates were to go up by 10% or go down by 10%. This analysis shows that the impact to income of these 10% changes would be $1,534,000. This is in line with the same analysis in 2024, where the scenario predicted GIC related impacts of approximately $1.6 million should interest rates fluctuate.

After concluding his presentation of the Audit Report, the Treasurer, Ill. Bro. James Vasko, 33°, asked if there were any questions on either the Treasurer's Report or the Audit Report. Hearing none the Treasurer presented the Investment Committee report.

Investment Committee Report

The Investment Committee meets four times a year and has two key functions; to ensure that the Treasurer presents our portfolio holdings and transactions accurately and to ensure that decisions are implemented as directed. Our wealth manager, RBC Dominion Securities is present at all meetings and provides independent observations and comments. Many conversations with our

wealth manager to identify both opportunities and risks. The Investment Committee reports all changes in the portfolio to the President.

In the fall of 2024, RBC identified holdings that could seriously decline in certain market conditions, and they recommended the sale of these investments. As a result of this recommendation the Foundation sold $1.5 million in equities and realized $800,000 in gains. In January of 2025 after some discussion with RBC we decided to divest holdings which were producing low yields to mitigate risk. As a result, $2.7 million in equities were sold resulting in a gain of $1.4 million. When this amount is added to the $.8 million gained in October the resulting increase is the $2.2 million in gain on disposal of investments.

RBC Dominion Securities recommended we consider an alternative investment that was earning approximately 13% and which had the same or similar risks as other parts of our portfolio, and which, in their view, was appropriate for a charity or foundation.

In response to this recommendation, the Investment Committee met and invited the Finance Committee so that these two committees could consider RBC's recommendation. The members approved the purchase of this product up to 5% of our investments by dollar value, $1.4 million at the time. The Foundation invested $500,000 as a first step. A further purchase of $500,000 was made after year-end, resulting in a total investment of $1.0 million in this product.

The Committee members also approved amending our "asset mix" to allow these types of alternative investments up to a maximum of 10% of our portfolio with 5% of assets being the maximum for any individual product. At the same time the Committee noted that as a result of the gains on sale, our cash on hand was slightly higher than that which our investment policy allows. The Committee's response was to approve a motion allowing the treasurer to maintain higher levels of cash until the end of the current fiscal year, May 31st, 2026.

At this point the Treasurer asked if there were any questions regarding the Investment Committee report. Hearing none the Treasurer continued with the Finance Committee report.

Finance Committee Report

At the 2024 Members Meeting, the Treasurer's report noted important performance issues with the current auditor. In addition, both the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA) in their Canadian Auditing Standard (CA12) and Canada's Auditor General (OAG) in their report released in July of 2018, recommend that organizations periodically change auditors. In response to the performance issues noted in 2024 and in accordance with the guidance from the CPA and OAG, the SRCF Finance committee developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to support engaging a new audit firm. Solicitation went to four major audit firms. We received two excellent responses and two declines. We met with both companies that provided proposals via Zoom. The Finance Committee reviewed the information that each firm had provided in response to the RFP. The Committee selected KPMG to be SRCF's audit firm for the fiscal year, June 1st 2025 to May 31st 2026 at the cost of $19,800 which that includes audit, CRA reporting and a technology support fee. This new lower fee compared favourably against the $22,500 we paid our former audit firm for services the previous year.

This concludes the report of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer asked if there were any questions? Hearing none, the floor was returned to the President.

The President Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, thanked Ill. Bro. James Vasko, 33°, for his reports. At this time, the President asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report, the Audit report, Investment committee Report and the Finance Committee Report. *Moved by Ill. Bro. Alan Stoddart, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Gordon Greasley, 33°. Hearing no questions, the motion was* **Carried.**

9. President's Report

The gavel was passed to the Vice President, Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, so that the President could give his report. The President stated that this was the first year of a new President for the

Foundation. He took a moment to express his sincere appreciation to Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, for his tutelage and for his stewardship of the Foundation for over nine challenging years which included the pandemic. Stating that the strong financial position, the incredible Learning Centre program, and the Deputy Awards are all significantly better for Gareth's leadership. The President noted that fortunately Gareth remains a member of the Board, contributing to the Grants and Awards program in support of Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, who is Chair of the Grants Committee. As the new President I am grateful for Gareth's mentorship and support.

The President reported that the Foundation's activities increased in our second post-pandemic year. The Deputy Award Program remains popular although not all Valleys participated. The Investment Committee has adapted well to current market volatility. In addition, the Learning Centre program is expanding again, and the research grants now benefit from the new funding model where funding for all three years is provided in the first year.

The President noted that the Treasurer, supported by the Finance Committee and the Investment Committee acted promptly and effectively in responding to market dynamics and in ensuring that the Foundation can meet further Disbursement Quota requirements.

The President reported that, after the success of the 60th Anniversary Grants to the 9 learning centres, that the Foundation launched an annual grant program to help Learning Centres maintain sustainable, high-quality programs across Canada.

The next portion of the President's report noted that Ill. Bro. William Cave, 33°, the new Executive Director of the Learning Centre Program, had started his first year by visiting every Learning Centre across Canada this past fall. He was welcomed and had the opportunity to learn of the many challenges and successes experienced by each Learning Centre. In addition, the Foundation approved a new satellite Learning Centre in Truro, Nova Scotia as well as a new satellite Learning Centre in St. Catharines, Ontario that is expected to open this fall.

In June, a national conference for the Learning Centre program was held in Hamilton, the first such meeting in several years. The event was a great success, with the sharing of solutions and plans as well as new and refreshed personal connections.

The Foundation has contracted for the production of a comprehensive and informative video covering all three of the Foundation's objects namely the Research Grants, Deputy Grants and Learning Centre Programs. When complete and approved, this video will be made available to all Valleys and Learning Centres. This video will articulate the key priorities of The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation to all Masons, Scottish Rite members and the public. The video is expected to highlight the Foundation's commitment to advancing solutions for complex neurological challenges and to help children with dyslexia to achieve their full potential.

The next portion of the President's report noted that the bear logo trademark had recently expired and, this year saw the establishment of two trademarks for the bear logos. They include one trademark each for the colourized and non colourized versions of the bear. The trademark approval will help to ensure the bear logo is authorised for a range of uses that align with the objectives of the Learning Centre program and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation research grants now provide successful grant applicants with $60,000 annually for three years. Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, has begun to build a library detailing the supported research projects and the corresponding publications arising from the grants. We are grateful to Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, for taking on this task. When complete this will enable the Foundation to demonstrate the significant contributions that the Grants Program has made in improving clinical and scientific understanding of "puzzles of the mind".

There are two board members who are completing their terms of office this year. We are very grateful for the dedication and service of Ill. Bro. Gary R. Cayan, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Dr. John M. Forster, 33°. We will be electing two new members later in this meeting as their successors.

The 2024 edition of the Clarion focused on the sixtieth anniversary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation on its cover and through the edition and the President expressed his sincere gratitude to Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson, 33°, and his editorial team for such a successful edition focussing on this important milestone.

In closing, the President extended the Foundation's deepest thanks to all Scottish Rite members who have donated to the Foundation this past year. He also noted that the Foundation has awarded 19 Fellowships since January of this year.

The President also extended his thanks to all those who had volunteered their time and talent working on behalf of the Foundation and its programs. These people included the Directors, Officers, Committee Chairs, Learning Centre Directors, tutors and volunteers, Valley representatives and the Foundation office staff, for their work as we strive to solve puzzles of the mind. He encouraged everyone to visit the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation website at www.srcf.ca to learn more about the Foundation and its programs. He closed with a quote from Helen Keller: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, thanked the President and asked if there were any questions. Hearing none said the board welcomes a motion to accept the Presidents report.

Motion was moved by Ill. Bro. Owen Devereaux, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Robert Whitmore, 33°. As there were no questions or objections the motion was: **Carried.**

The gavel was then returned to the President.

10. **The Learning Centre Report:**

The President then called on the Executive Director, Ill. Bro. William Cave, 33°, to present his report on the Learning Centres.

Ill. Bro. William Cave, 33°, noted that his report was distributed in advance of the meeting so his presentation will focus on key highlights. He opened by confirming that he has visited each Learning Centre. He remarked on the warmth and dedication of the staff, tutors, volunteers, and the board members, who took the time to meet with him and to review the programs and the ongoing activities of their Learning Centres.

Ill. Bro. William Cave, 33°, highlighted that there have been two major grants to each Learning Centre, the 60th Anniversary Grant of $110,000 and the Partnership Grant of $60,000. These grants have helped the Learning Centres to acquire resources and technology, to upgrade and maintain tutoring facilities and in some cases to accelerate opening satellite campuses.

The Executive Director was impressed by the many best practices he saw while visiting the learning centres. At that time there was no clear mechanism for these solutions to be shared among the learning centres. To facilitate shared solutions and to discuss common challenges the Executive Director arranged for a national conference of Learning Centre Board Chairs, Executive Directors and Tutor Trainers at the Scottish Rite Centre in Hamilton in June. It was a great success. The Sovereign Grand Commander made a much-appreciated presentation at the dinner on Saturday evening. He highlighted the importance of the work of the Learning Centres as well as how much he enjoyed being a part of the renewed relationships and networking connections that were made among all Learning Centres at the meeting.

The Learning Centre Board Chairs, Directors and Tutor Trainers established new committees and strengthened cooperation among Learning Centres for the coming years. By working together, they help to ensure that we have strong Learning Centres all across Canada.

Key areas of focus during this conference were: working together, seeking consistency, and developing and sharing tools. To achieve this a commitment was made to increase sharing of information and to review technological solutions that can facilitate the sharing of technological solutions. The discussion of technology also focussed on the increasing concern over cybersecurity. Steps are being taken to add cybersecurity insurance for the Learning Centres and a committee was established to enable cloud-based storage of files and eventually a revised

Handbook. There are several new national committees described in the Learning Centre Report which are focused on moving forward in the areas identified above.

The Executive Director reported that the Pilot Study of Virtual Tutoring conducted by the BC Learning Centre was concluded and the results were presented to the SRCF Board. The Board unanimously approved the use of virtual tutoring as a complementary tool for our learning centres to use as they see fit. The Executive Director thanked the BC Learning Centre for their work to clarify how virtual tutoring and virtual tutor training can help our Learning Centres to assist students in small and remote communities and also in large communities when weather and other challenges make in-person tutoring impossible.

The BC Learning Centre offered a "Train the Trainer" online workshop in August. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation will develop and approve policies, procedures and resource material so that this new delivery model can be incorporated as an option in the Handbook. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is deeply committed to continuing our high standards in delivering the Orton-Gillingham methodology through both in person and now virtual training.

The Executive Director reported that three videos are being developed, one by the BC Learning Centre, one by the Hamilton Learning Centre and one by the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. The first two will highlight the programs at the two Learning Centres while the third video will present information on the Learning Centre and Grant Programs and, after it has been approved, will be available to highlight the ways that the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation is helping children with Dyslexia and also supporting scientific research that will help to find solutions to "puzzles of the mind" especially Alzheimer's and Dementia.

The Learning Centre Report highlights the critical shortage of tutors, senior mentors, tutor trainers, volunteers and qualified centre directors. The Executive Director will work with the SRCF Board and LC Directors and Board Chairs to identify solutions to address these pressures.

In response to an invitation for questions, Ill. Bro. David Boyd, 33°, asked about the Tutor Report summary. He observed that there might be a typo in the table, where the number of supervisor mentors and the supervisor mentors' hours for the London, Moncton and Vancouver Learning centres might be flipped around. Ill. Bro. William Cave, 33°, thanked Ill. Bro. David Boyd, 33°, and stated he will make the necessary corrections after today's meeting.

Hearing no further questions, the President called for a motion to accept the Learning Centre report.

Motion was made by Ill. Bro. Jack Barr, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Bruce Taylor, 33°. Hearing no opposition to the motion it was **Carried.**

11. **Nomination and Directors Term Committee**

The President called on Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, for the report of the Nomination and Directors Term Committee. Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, stated that in the spring of this year he was made aware that two members would be vacating their positions on the Board. With the advice and assistance of active members several nominations were made. Working with the Nominating Committee, the objective was to replace the skills and abilities of those who were stepping down. Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, was pleased to recommend the appointment of Ill. Bro. Joe Haramic, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Ted Papados, 32°. Their biographies were provided in the documents that were circulated.

The President asked for a motion to approve the report of the Nomination and Directors Term Committee.

Motion made by Ill. Bro. Richard Brown, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°. No one opposed so the motion was **Carried.**

The President, Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, stated as per bylaw number 1, each director must be elected for a second or third term. *They are none this year.*

The President asked for a motion to nominate Ill. Bro. Joseph Haramic, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Theodore Papados, 32°.

Moved by Ill. Bro. John Revell, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Gordon Maitland, 33°.

The President then asked three times if there were any further nominations and hearing none, declared the motion. **Carried.**

The President, Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, thanked Ill. Bro. Gary Cayen, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Dr. John Forster, 33°, for their considerable contributions to the Foundation Board during their tenure.

The President then asked Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, to invite both of the new nominees to join the board for the remainder of the meeting, so that everyone can get an opportunity to meet our two newest board members. Asking that he would like to be informed when they were online so we can welcome them.

12. Grants and Awards Committee

The President introduced Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, Chair of the Grants and Awards Committee. Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, noted that the report of the Grants and Awards committee was on page 45 of documents circulated in advance of this meeting.

Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, noted that the Foundation financially supports two initiatives. One is the Learning Centre Program which was the subject of the report presented by Ill. Bro. Bill Cave, 33°, and the second is the Grants Program. In the past the SRCF Grants Program supported four investigators with $40,000 a year for three years. In 2024 a decision was taken to increase the number of grants and the amount of each grant to $60,000. Therefore in 2025 and subsequent years we will award 5 grants each year. We have supported 5 investigators, by providing $180,000 to cover the three-year period of the grant, awarding a total of $900,000. We have changed from providing funds in each of 3 years to providing the full three-year grant to the research institution in the first year. We still have four investigators on the former annual award system $40,000 each for a total of $160,000 this year.

The Deputy Award program is the second part of the SRCF Grants Program. This year SRCF received applications from 28 of 44 Valleys and each received the $1,000 Deputy Award.

Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, reported that he and Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, attended the Grant Review Committee meeting chaired by Dr. Joel Watts. Dr Watts has served as Chair of Grant Review Committee for several terms and SRCF is indebted to him for his leadership which has helped us to ensure that we support research of the highest calibre. In order to communicate the advancements that have resulted from our grants, Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, is assembling a list of research papers from such journals as Nature, Science and the Journal of Biological Chemistry. This information will be consolidated and made available on the SRCF WEB site to identify and describe the achievements that our grants have supported.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Grants Program supports young investigators, early in their career in the hope that our support will help them establish research programs in areas related to the functions of the brain at the metabolic or cellular level.

On the last page of the Grants report, you will see that the awards this year are distributed over several provinces, a broader geographic scope than in previous years. We also received 18 applications, more than in any previous year and we awarded grants to 5 of these applicants.

Ill. Bro. Angel, 33°, concluded his report and asked if there were any questions.

Hearing none, the President asked for a motion.

The motion was moved by Ill. Bro. Ron Taylor, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Matthew Todd, 33°, that the Grants and Awards Committee be accepted.

None apposed. **Carried.**

Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, thanked Ill. Bro. Joe Angel, 33°, for his leadership on this very important committee and for all their hard work.

Ill. Bro. John Lark, 33°, notified the President that the two newest board members had joined the meeting. At this time Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, welcomed them as the new Directors of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

13. **Committee Reports to be approved by a single motion**

    a. Comprehensive Insurance report.
    b. Communications and Website Committee Report.
    c. Report on the SRCF office.
    d. Report on the Clarion.

    Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, asked for an omnibus motion to approve the Comprehensive Insurance Report, the Communication and Website Committee Report, the Report on the SRCF Office and the Report on the Clarion.

    This omnibus motion was moved by Ill. Bro. Terry Mclean, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Robert Whitmore, 33°, that the reports be accepted as distributed. Hearing no questions or objections the motion was: **Carried.**

14. **Approval of the actions of the Directors:** Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, said he would entertain a motion to approve the actions of the directors.

    The motion was made by Ill. Bro. Errol Stewart, 33°, seconded by Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson, 33°, that all actions of the directors of the SRCF be approved. Hearing no questions or anyone opposed the motion was: **Carried.**

15. **Appointment of the Auditors for 2025-2026:** Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, asked for a motion to appoint the auditors recommended by the Finance committee.

    Motion was made by Ill. Bro. Alan Stoddard, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, 33°, that the Chartered Accounting firm of KPMG be appointed as the auditors for SRCF the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

    Hearing no opposition and no discussion the motion was: **Carried.**

16. **The transmission of the foundation annual reports to Supreme Council:** Once again, the President asked for a motion for this answer.

    Ill. Bro. Jeffrey Dixon, 33°, seconded by Ill. Bro. Fayez Oustwani, 33°, be transmitted to the Supreme Council of Canada. Hearing no opposition or discussion the motion was: **Carried.**

17. **New business:** There was no new business.

18. Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, noted that there will be meeting of the Board of Directors of the SRCF, including our newest members, to elect the President and Vice President and appoint the Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year. We will hold this brief meeting in early October with a full Board meeting in November. The Board will also have a meeting in the Spring and another just prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the SRCF in September of 2025.

    At this point the President asked for a motion to adjourn this meeting.

    Motion made by Ill. Bro. Allan Long, 33°, and seconded by Ill. Bro. Orlan Weber, 33°.

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 ~ 1:00 pm

At 1:00 pm the Executive Session of the 151st Annual Session was convened using Zoom Video Conferencing. Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander presiding.

SGC: Indeed, with a great deal of thanks that, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation supplies us with, we appreciate all their work, and certainly we welcome and congratulate the new directors and look forward to working with them in the successful, running of our foundation.

Well, once again, my brethren good morning and good afternoon. Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, we have a considerable amount of work to do this afternoon, but I look forward to, to having you with us. I'd also like to congratulate all those on the call who have been recently elected or appointed to an office in your respective Grand Lodges and concordant bodies. Congratulations to all, and we thank you for your dedication, not only to our Rite, but to our gentle Craft as well.

With that being said, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Wills, will you, please proceed with the next two motions?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Thomas Wills, 33°, and Terry McLean, 33°, that the Minutes of the Full Annual Session held September 11-14, 2024 in Ottawa, Ontario are hereby adopted as circulated in the Proceedings.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion, is there any discussion?

Active Members please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

Lieutenant Grand Commander if you would proceed with the second motion.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Thomas Wills, 33°, and Terry McLean, 33°, that the Sovereign Grand Commander be authorized to alter the order of the agenda.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, I declare that motion carried.

I will now call for reports from the Grand Treasurer-General, Illustrious Brother Alan Stoddart.

GTG: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander.

I have 4 reports, including the report of the Grand Treasurer-General, the Reviewers report, the Financial Statements, and the Trustee's report.

I'll begin with the Grand Treasurer-General report, all of my reports, incidentally, are contained between page 4 and page 23 in our preliminaries. I will make some brief comments on each report as follows.

In the Grand Treasurer's report, I report that we had a net operating loss last year of $97,961. It states in that report but, it did not include where the loss that came from… was a result of our sessions. So, if you look at the report as reported on page 8 from Grant Thornton, and you compare it with page 23, you'll see that discrepancy, and in fact, our actual operating loss was closer to $108,000.

In general comments, I've highlighted some of the areas that affected our performance last year, which will lead me to review how we performed against the estimates that we put against ourselves last year and our budgets.

Overall, 2025 came in under our forecasted loss by about $38,000 for the following reasons.

Income, was about $10,000 higher and that resulted in some valleys that were late in paying their assessments last year, as well as, we had forecast about a 5% decline in our membership, and in fact, we have some information that suggests that that decline seems to be slowing over the last few years, so the net impact there on the revenue side was about $10,000 higher.

On the expense side, salaries were lower due to the impact of our Chief Operating Officer reducing his work week to 3 days per week. He began that during the course of last year, we'll see more of an effect of that next year, as we get the full year's effect of it.

Under activities, we didn't spend the planned website upgrades and under sundry, we experienced a significant increase in jewel and regalia sales, which, netted about another $11,000.

And under activities, our public relations cost was postponed this year. That was, the website design.

Officers and committees came in lower by about $15,000, as deputies and senior officers did not spend their allocated budget.

Moving on to the Trustees' report, which is on page 19, the main focus in that is the portfolio performance that we experienced last year. Our portfolio total investment funds stood, at the end of May, at $2,155,770 versus last year, $1,945,000. In terms of our holdings from that point of view, we stayed with our investment policy mix, which was 75% equities. And the equity markets had a very, very strong year, despite some of the volatility that took place and some of the concerns that were out there. Adjusted for withdrawals, our funds had a total return of close to 18%.

Interestingly, that, when I look at the two separate accounts, that is to say, our general account and the Special Candidates Fund, the Special Candidates Fund is 100% in equities, and the return on that was over 20%. So, a very strong year from that point of view.

General comments in terms of our holdings in the past year, the index itself increased by 18%. So, our performance against that stands out from the point of view that we did not have oil and gas sector, which were flat for the year, and it was actually the financial sector where we have about a 38% weighting that did most of the heavy lifting in terms of that performance that I just mentioned. Some Canadian banks were up 40% last year.

Going forward, we will, it's my intention at least to suggest to our trustees that we continue that investment mix for a couple of reasons. If I look back over the last 5 years, we've had about a 12% total return on our portfolio and at this point, I don't see any reason to change that. I have made a slight revision downwards in the running yield, that is the dividend and interest that we earn.

Then on the fixed income side, I've made an allocation for lower interest rates. I think we're going to get probably, certainly in Canada, a couple of interest rate cuts in the next few months and that will affect two positions that we have, both are variable rate positions. We keep those as a point of liquidity. We have, about $115,000 in a Royal Bank high-interest rate savings account and we have a McKinsey Financial floating rate note, which will, of course, be affected, because it's a variable instrument, as rates fall.

Looking forward, and moving on to this year's budget, we are forecasting a lower deficit than last year.

Our revenues were marked down, our membership attrition at 5%, and as I just said, we have actually noticed a slowing, from the last 5 years, where it peaked about close to 7%, and has gradually slowed to under 3%. We will continue to budget at 5 and accept this good news, and hope that the trend continues before we use lower forecasts.

Expenses and salaries, a further reduction of full year's effect of the reduced work of our COO will work towards next year's reduction in our operating loss. All the costs were examined and discussed with the executives, and remain the same as 2024-25 for our officers and our senior executives.

The new budget is forecast a net operating loss before income from investments of approximately $90,000.

Returning to the Reviewer's Report, this is on page 6, I believe, I was focused on the last paragraph of the Independent Practitioner's Reviewer Engagement Report. Their conclusion, “Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as at May 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.”

So, in terms of the four reports, I would move, seconded by Steven Warren, the acceptance of the Grand Treasurer-General’s Report, Reviewer's Report, Financial Statements, and Trustees Report.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? I see that Illustrious Brother Brethour has his hand up.

Ill. Bro. Brethour: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. Just a few comments regarding the Grand Treasurer-General's report, if I may.

I remain deeply concerned about the financial status of our Supreme Council. A $108,000 loss during the last fiscal year kind of takes the breath away. Even withdrawing interest and dividend funds from our investments and the Special Candidates Fund we still had a loss of, I believe, $17,000. The 2024 session in Ottawa was a huge success, as we marked our 150th anniversary, but it did come at quite a price. I'm not suggesting we shouldn't have been sure it was a first-class event, but it did come with a loss of over $43,000. That's a significant amount.

I did have several other questions regarding the Grand Treasurer-General's report. I reached out to him by email and they were addressed very promptly. Thank you, Alan.

With respect to the schedule of expenses on page 17, may I suggest adding a notes section in the future to break down and explain some of the more, Cryptic expenses. Ones that caught my eye were Property Maintenance, $1,237, Public Relations, $3,752, and the Other Expenses of $26,149. It would also be beneficial to have a detailed breakdown of the expenses to attend other Supreme Councils and international meetings. These were all explained by the Grand Treasurer-General. Perhaps they should be included in the report in future years.

Finally, I do have one specific question regarding the Public Relations expense on page 17. A large part of that, $2,800 to be precise, was for the obligation we made to the Masonic Renewal Committee. I'm just wondering what exactly that obligation was. Thank you.

GTG: We made that commitment, a year ago, I think it was. We made the commitment to the Masonic Renewal Committee for $2,000 U.S. for 3 years, so that's the second year we've paid it, so next year's the last year we're obliged to pay it back.

And with respect to other line items and activities and expenses, I have noted those. We will discuss those with the administration office, and whether we put them directly in the expense reports, or whether we put them in footnotes, we'll have that discussion, but I do appreciate your concerns. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Alan. Deputy Easton, you have your hand up.

Ill. Bro. Easton: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander, to the Grand Treasurer-General. You made one comment, Alan, on your presentation, that revenues were up because of late valley payments. I don't understand that if we're using accrual accounting.

GTG: But we don't… we are cash accounting. If we don't get your payment, we don't put it into receivables.

Ill. Bro. Easton: But I thought our Statutes and Regulations, and certainly we ask our Valleys to use an accrual base, and Valleys have rejected that, but if we're not using an accrual base ourselves, should we make that change so that valleys operate on a cash basis?

GTG: Okay, I've noted that. It's a question that we, again, I will take back to the administrations to see if they have the capabilities of dealing that with the software that they have.

Ill. Bro. Easton: Thank you.

SGC: Thank you. Brethren, is there any further discussion? Steven Warren, your hand is up. Please go ahead.

Ill. Bro. Warren: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. I wanted to address a note that Bob made. I believe he said the session lost $43,000. Bob, I assume that includes the 150th anniversary budget of $35,000. I just want to make it clear to everyone that the $35,000 was in the budget and approved last year. The additional $8,000 was refunds given to members after the event, who cancelled due to personal issues, their own or family health matters that prevented them from attending. The session itself broke even prior to refunds and not including the 150th event, which was budgeted for. Thank you, Sovereign Grant Commander.

Ill. Bro. Brethour: Thank you for that clarification, Steve.

SGC: Thank you very much, to both.

SGC: So, brethren, you've heard the motion. Please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, I will declare that motion carried.

SGC: Motion to select the reviewer for next year.

GTG: Sovereign Grand Commander, I move, seconded by Steven Warren, the appointment of Grant Thornton to conduct our independent review next year.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, I will declare that carried.

The next one is for the budget. Illustrious Brother Stoddart.

GTG: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. You will find the new budget posted on page 23. I move, seconded by Steven Warren, the adoption of the budget for fiscal 2026.

SGC: Is there any discussion on that motion, my brethren? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, I declare that carried.

I will now call on Illustrious Brother, Richard Brown for the HIG Nominations.

PSGC Brown: Sovereign Grand Commander peers and brethren, the Membership Nominating Committee has met, and I wish to indicate to you that there are no nominations for Sovereign Grand Inspectors-

General. The composition of the Supreme Council will not change due to resignations, deaths, or anything at this point.

With respect to Honorary Inspectors-General, there were 43 nominations. I believe everyone received the list, just in the last few days, of the names and then the Valleys from which those brethren are members and the jurisdictions, and therefore, I would move seconded by Past Sovereign Grand Commander Todd, that the report of the Committee on Membership Nominations be approved.

SGC: I will now ask for further nominations. For the first time, are there any further nominations? For the second time, are there any further nominations? For the third and final time, are there any further nominations. We will now vote on the reception of that report.

Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Seeing none, I declare that motion carried.

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, I move, seconded by Tom Wills, that the vote for Honorary Inspectors-General be taken as a collective ballot.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active Members, please indicate if you will oppose the motion. Seeing none, I declare that motion carried.

Grand Secretary-General, you will now take the vote to approve the nominations of those brethren listed in the report.

The Grand Secretary-General polled the Active and Ad Vitam members of Supreme Council. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidates so presented for promotion to the rank of Honorary Inspector-General in Hamilton, Ontario in 2026.

Province	Name	Valley
AB	James, Gary Robert	Calgary
AB	Neis, Hal Byron	Central Alberta
AB	Peill, Kevin	Edmonton
AB	Sinclair, John	Edmonton
BC	Spry, John William	Campbell River
BC	Yelder, William Joseph	Campbell River
BC	Barr, Bryan James	Vancouver
BC	Paterson, Delmar William	Vancouver
BC	Zarifian, Garo Giragos	Vancouver
BC	Mihalcheon, Richard Johnathan	Vernon
BC	Steck, Mitchell Avril	Vernon
MB	Klassen, Timothy Daniel	Winnipeg
MB	Villarin, Villarico	Winnipeg
NB	Culligan, Ian Ronald	Fredericton
NB	Kaine, Douglas William	Moncton
NS	Beeler, Andrew Scott	Halifax
NS	Dollimount, John Raymond	Halifax
NS	Stanley, James Whitman	Halifax
NS	McKeigan, William Brian	Sydney
NS	Pretty, Gary James	Sydney
ON	Galvin, John Thomas	Barrie

Province	Name	Valley
ON	Cryderman, Kenneth Ralph	Chatham
ON	DeKruyf, Stephen Murray	Hamilton
ON	Kirk, James Michael	Hamilton
ON	McCulloch, Jason Dominic Stephen	Hamilton
ON	Tuinstra, Devin Louis Edward	Hamilton
ON	Ross, David Stanley	Niagara
ON	Burns, Bruce Martin	North Bay
ON	Manson, Brian Roy Strachan	Peterborough
ON	Derochie, Brent Henri	Sault Ste Marie
ON	Davis, Graham Marcel	Thunder Bay
ON	Jensen, Bryan Edwin Hilding	Thunder Bay
ON	Mountstephen, Robert	Thunder Bay
ON	Carreiro, Gilbert Luis	Toronto
ON	Di Cecco, Arthur Michael	Toronto
ON	Lemajic, Aleksandar	Toronto
ON	Somir, Harry Paul	Toronto
ON	Tavares, Victor	Toronto
ON	Lane, Robert	Windsor
ON	Tait, Bruce	Windsor
ON	Smith, Kelly James	Woodstock
PE	MacDougall, Robert George	Summerside
PE	Vessey, Christopher Roy	Summerside

SGC: Thank you very much. Brethren, once again, please put your microphones on mute. We are getting feedback and that really disrupts us here.

Thank you, brethren. I declare the nominees duly elected candidates to receive the degree of Honorary Inspector-General, thirty-three degrees at the 2026 annual session, subject to interviews by active members. I will also remind you that this information is strictly confidential until such time as each nominee has accepted his nomination. Each Deputy is responsible for notifying the Chief Operating Officer as soon as these discussions have taken place, and to confirm if the candidates have indeed accepted this nomination.

SGC: Grand Secretary-General, do you have any members of this Supreme Council requesting a Demit or having been suspended.?

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, for demit, Illustrious Brother Scott Douglas Howie, from the Valley of Ottawa, Illustrious Brother, David Robert McAlpine from the Valley of Vancouver, Illustrious Brother Alan Wingrave, from the Valley of Edmonton.

SGC: Thank you, Grand Secretary-General.

I will now, once again call on Illustrious Brother Richard Brown, for the Officer Nomination Committee report.

PSGC Brown: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. The Officer Nominations Committee recently met and was informed of the resignation of Illustrious Brother Douglas G. Easton as Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon, but not as an active member of the Supreme Council. And so, as a result of that the

Nomination Committee was to fill the position of Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon and the committee is pleased to nominate for election to office for the balance of the current quadrennium, the following Sovereign Grand Inspector-General for the position of Deputy of British Columbia and Yukon, that being Illustrious Brother John L. Barr, 33°.

Now, as a consequence of that, should that be approved, Illustrious Brother Barr was serving as Grand Sword Bearer and would not be able to continue in office should he become Deputy, and your nominations committee is recommending the appointment for the balance of the current quadrennium of Illustrious Brother Bruce Taylor, 33°, for the position of Grand Sword bearer. And I will move our report, seconded by Past Sovereign Grand Commander Matt Todd.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. I will ask for further nominations for the first time, further nominations for the second time, and for the third and final time, were there any further nominations?

Brethren, you've heard the motion to accept this report. Is there any discussion?

Unanimous acceptance of this report will confirm Illustrious Brother John L. (Jack) Barr as a Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon, and Illustrious Brother A. Bruce Taylor as Grand Sword Bearer.

Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Seeing none, that motion is carried.

I will now call on Illustrious Brother Tom Wills, our Lieutenant Grand Commander.

LGC: It is my pleasure to move, seconded by Illustrious Brother Terry McLean, to bestow honorary membership on Illustrious Brother Dr. Giles Shilson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for England and Wales and Illustrious Brother Alex Galbraith, 33°, Grand Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Scotland.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Seeing none, that motion is carried.

Illustrious Brother Whitmore, Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Commander, you have a motion.

PSGC Whitmore: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. I move, seconded by Tom Wills, that all communications and all actions taken by the Sovereign Grand Commander and other officers and members of Supreme Council in respect of our relations with other Supreme Councils and Grand Masonic Bodies, be ratified and confirmed.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you will oppose the motion. Seeing none, that motion is carried.

I will now call on Illustrious Brother Brian Gilkinson, for a report on Jurisprudence and Legislation.

Report of the Standing Committee On
JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGISLATION

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation is required by ART. 40 (d) of the Statutes and Regulations to consider all matters referred to it, with reference to proposed amendments to the Statutes and Regulations and to report to this Supreme Council accordingly.

Part I of this report covers the proposed amendments presented to the Grand Secretary-General and published in a timely manner as required by ART. 47.1 i and ii.

Part II of this report covers the Committee's report on the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Part III of this report covers amendments, if any, proposed at the Annual Session and which meet the requirements specified in ART. 47.1 (b).

PART I

This year the Committee received one notice of proposed amendment to the Statutes and Regulations and, in accordance with ART. 47.1 (a) iii, your committee reports hereon as follows:

1. An amendment, in omnibus form, to delete the word "Past" and substitute the word "Emeritus" in ART. 5, ART. 6 subsections (a), (b) and (c), ART. 7 subsections (a) and (b), ART. 8 subsections (a), (b) (c) and (d), ART. 19 subsections (a) and (b), ART. 20 subsection (g), ART. 21 subsection (c), ART. 22 subsection (r), ART. 26 subsection (b), ART. 34, ART. 38 subsection (b), ART. 43 subsection (a), ART. 47.1 subsection (a), ART. 69 subsection (a), ART. 97 (2014), REG. 6.6, REG. 6.8, REG. 6.11, REG. 8.4.

Note regarding Special Treatment of Presenting Amendment.
To present this amendment in a format your committee hopes will make it easy to visualize and understand, existing provisions are presented with the words to be removed identified by strikethrough and the word to be substituted in each case added in red type.

Words of Caution
Your committee wishes to emphasize that in reporting that a proposed amendment is found to be regular, it is in no way endorsing or commenting on the merits or demerits of the particular amendment but is stating only that it has been found to be regular and, therefore, open to be considered and made the subject of voting at the upcoming Annual Session of this Supreme Council.

Proposed omnibus amendment proposing to change "Past" to "Emeritus" in the following Articles:

ART. 5. Notice specifying the time and place of each Annual, Executive or Special Session shall be delivered or mailed by first class post at his last known address, or sent by email or other secure electronic means **to each Active, ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus and Honorary Inspector-General at least 30 days for Annual Sessions and at least 7 days for Special Sessions prior to the time fixed for each such Session, and for each Executive Session, to each Active and Past Active member at least 7 days prior to the time fixed for such Executive Session. (2017)**

ART. 6. (a) This Supreme Council shall consist of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General (Active and ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus) and Honorary Inspectors-General.

(b) The Executive shall consist of all Active and ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus Members.

(c) A quorum of either this Supreme Council or the Executive shall consist of the Sovereign Grand Commander or the Lieutenant Grand Commander and at least seven of the other Active Members or, in the absence of both of the named officers, at least twelve of the Active Members.

ART. 7. (a) Active Members shall be elected from among those members of this Supreme Council holding the rank of Sovereign Grand Inspector-General (~~Past~~ Active Emeritus) or Honorary Inspector-General. (1977)

(b) The right of nomination of an Active Member shall be in the Deputy of this Supreme Council for the province or territory concerned, or if there is no Deputy for that province or territory, in the senior Active Member of the province or territory from which a deceased Active Member or an Active Member becoming ~~a Past~~ an Active Emeritus Member is to be replaced. Such nomination shall be made after consultation with all of the Active Members for the province or territory concerned. The Sovereign Grand Commander in his own right may at any time exercise the right of nomination of an Active Member. (1979)

ART. 8. (a) Except in the case of an Active Member Ad Vitam, an Active Member shall become ~~a Past~~ an Active Emeritus Member:

i. by resigning as an Active Member;
ii. by changing his legal place of residence to a place beyond the jurisdiction of this Supreme Council;
iii. by being absent from two consecutive Annual Sessions, by reason of permanent disability or without reason satisfactory to this Supreme Council;
iv. by attaining the age of 75 years, when transfer to ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus rank becomes effective at midnight of the day prior to the closing of the Full Annual Session of this Supreme Council next succeeding his attaining such age; (2021)
v. by two-thirds vote of the Active Members present in Annual Session.

(b) Under exceptional circumstances, transfer from Active to ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus rank by reason of age may be postponed from one Annual Session until the succeeding one, but only by the unanimous vote of the Active Members present in Annual Session.

(c) When the status of an Active Member is changed to that of ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus, his Active membership, and any office held by him, immediately becomes vacant.

(d) ~~A Past~~ An Active Emeritus Member shall have the right to be present at all Sessions of this Supreme Council and to a voice therein, to propose measures, to serve on committees, and shall be heard in debate, but shall have no right to vote. He shall enjoy the dignity possessed by him at the time of his retirement from Active membership, together with the right to use the title of the highest office attained by him with the ~~prefix "Past"~~ suffix “Emeritus”.

ART. 19. (a) Members of this Supreme Council, other than officers, shall rank and take precedence, after the officers, in the under noted order in accordance, in each classification, with the dates of their respective qualifications; Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General (Active and ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus) and Honorary Inspectors-General.

(b) Except that the Past Sovereign Grand Commanders shall rank immediately following the Sovereign Grand Commander, seniority shall be in the order shown in ART. 20. (a), and in the case of the Illustrious Deputies, according to the earliest date of service as such.

ART. 20. (g) This Supreme Council, by a two-thirds vote by ballot of the members present at an Annual Session, may confer on an Active or ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus Member any Honorary Past Rank and precedence.

ART. 21. (c) In the event of death, resignation, or permanent or temporary disability of both the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Lieutenant Grand Commander, then the Immediate ~~Past~~ Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus, or if he declines or be disabled, then the senior officer of this Supreme Council within this jurisdiction and not disabled, shall act as Sovereign Grand Commander until the disability is removed or until the next Annual Session of this Supreme Council, at which Session all vacancies then existing shall be filled by election for the unexpired portion of their respective terms. Seniority shall be in the order set forth in ART. 20. (a) and, as between those holding similar offices, according to the earliest date of service therein.

ART. 22. (r) upon the death of an Active or ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus Member cause an obituary to be published in the Annual Proceedings, and copies thereof sent to all Active and ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus Members of this Supreme Council and to presiding officers through the Grand Secretaries and Registrars of constituent bodies, to be reported in all bodies of the Rite throughout this jurisdiction;

ART 26. (b) Upon the death of an Active Member, ~~a Past~~ an Active Emeritus Member or an Honorary Inspector-General of his jurisdiction, he shall notify the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Grand Secretary-General immediately, and in the case of any Inspector-General he shall forward also a brief obituary for publication in the Annual Proceedings.

ART. 34. There shall be an Advisory Council consisting of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the ~~Past~~ Sovereign Grand Commanders Emeritus, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Grand Chancellor, Grand Secretary-General, and Grand Treasurer-General. The Council, which shall meet at least twice each year and at such other times as the Sovereign Grand Commander may elect, shall consider matters of interest to this Supreme Council and advise the Sovereign Grand Commander thereon. (1977)

ART. 38. (b) The Supreme Council shall indemnify and save harmless all officers of the Supreme Council and all members of the Advisory Council consisting of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the ~~Past~~ Sovereign Grand Commanders Emeritus, the Lieutenant Grand Commander, the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Secretary-General, and the Grand Treasurer-General, their heirs and legal representatives respectively from and against all costs, charges and expenses including all amounts paid to settle an action or satisfy any judgement, reasonably incurred by them or any of them in respect to any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which any one or more of them are made a party by reason of being or having been an officer of the Supreme Council or a member of the Advisory Council above referred to if:

ART. 43. (a) Every Active and ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus Member of this Supreme Council in attendance at a Session of this Supreme Council shall be paid such sum for transportation and other expenses, as this Supreme Council may from time to time determine.

ART. 47.1 (a)

i. The Grand Secretary-General shall, before the first day of June following, forward to all Active and ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus Members

copies of all proposed amendments of which he shall have had notice.

ART. 69. (e)

In addition to the required information listed in Article 69 (c) and Article 69 (d) i, Meeting and Ballot notices may include additional information including, but not limited to:

i. Valley Officer names with contact information.
ii. Valley Committees listing with chairman name and contact information.
iii. Valley Active and ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus members listing.
iv. Message from the Valley Active member(s).
v. Valley Honorary Inspectors-General listing.
vi. Future dates (meetings, social functions, etc.).
vii. Meeting attire.
viii. Degree information (cast lists, etc.).
ix. Presiding Officer's message.
x. Grand Secretary / Registrar's message.
xi. SRCF information (Deputy Award, fundraising, etc.).
xii. Past Presiding Officer list.
xiii. Valley John Ross Matheson Award recipients. (2024)

ART. 97. (2014)

PROCESS

Complaint

The written complaint must be submitted to the presiding officer of the body with the most direct interest in the alleged misconduct issue, except that, where the presiding officer is the subject of the complaint, the complaint must be presented to an Active member in the Valley or where no Active member exists, ~~a Past~~ an Active Emeritus member of the Valley or where neither an Active or ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus member is available, to an Honorary Inspector-General member of the Valley.

Trial Commission – Pleas of Not Guilty

If the alleged offender elects to dispute the complaint, Sovereign Grand Commander will appoint a trial commission of three members of the Scottish Rite, not members of the Valley of which the alleged offender is a member or with prior involvement in the matter to hear the evidence and adjudicate the trial of the alleged offender's guilt or innocence at a time and place determined by the commission, after consultation with him. The commission members will be Active, ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus or Honorary members of Supreme Council or a combination of the three. The Sovereign Grand Commander will appoint a chairman of the commission to preside over the trial

Regulations

6.6 **THE GRAND DECORATION** of ~~a PAST~~ an ACTIVE EMERITUS MEMBER is the same as that of an Active Member, except that it is suspended from the bar by a scarlet ribbon.

6.8 **THE GRAND DECORATION** of the SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER or a ~~PAST~~ SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER EMERITUS is that of an Active Member which is suspended from a red enamelled cross crosslet crossed etched in gold with the jewel of an officer in its centre,

and which cross is attached to a length of 2" wide royal purple velvet ribbon suspended from a red enamelled bar as described for the decoration of an Active Member. The ribbon will be 16" in length, doubled to 8" and looped through the bar such that there is a 2-1/2" length in front and a 5-1/2" length behind. The cross will be attached to the 2-1/2" length such that the bottom of the 5-1/2" length extends 1/4" below the bottom of the Decoration. (1996)

6.9 **THE DECORATION** of an OFFICER is the triple triangle, white, red, and green, interlaced, worn by the Sovereign Grand Commander or a ~~Past~~ Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus upon the cross crosslet crossed, and by each of the other officers upon the ribbon suspended from the bar of his Active Member's Grand Decoration. (1997)

6.11 **THE CHAIN COLLAR** to be worn by the officers of this Supreme Council, and ~~Past~~ Sovereign Grand Commanders Emeritus ad vitam, is 39 inches in length and consists of thirty-two alternate circular and shield shaped united links, each enclosing a triangle upon which rests in regular succession the jewel of each Canadian degree, from the first to the thirty-second inclusive and a thirty-third link consisting of a triangle, apex uppermost, with rays emanating therefrom, containing the numerals "33", with sword hilts entering each side of the triangle. From the thirty-third link is suspended the symbol of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada. (1996)

8.4 a) The Deputy for each Province will ensure that each Scottish Rite Valley has a Recommendation Committee (including a Chairman) of at least three Active and ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General of Supreme Council (this may or may not include himself). In the case where a Valley does not have at least three, the Deputy for that Province may assign an Honorary Inspector-General to that committee. The Deputy will ensure that the Recommendation Committee is fully aware of the Purpose for Nomination for Honorary Inspector-General, the nominee qualifications for Honorary Inspector-General, and the responsibilities of an Honorary Inspector-General. The Deputy may also give guidance in terms of specific needs for a valley, the Province, or Supreme Council.

b) On behalf of the Deputy, the Chairman of the Recommendation Committee will send a letter to all Active, ~~Past~~ Active Emeritus, and Honorary members of Supreme Council in that Valley, requesting recommendations for consideration by using the Recommendation and Nomination Form for Honorary Inspector-General. This letter should state the cautionary words regarding confidentiality contained in the opening paragraph of this procedure. The letter may include a Recommendation and Nomination Form or instruct those receiving it that they may request forms from the appropriate person. This letter should be sent out no later than February 1 of each year and responses requested in the form of the Recommendation and Nomination Form no later than April 1 of the same year.

PART II

This portion of the report will be included following a review of the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

PART III

This portion of the report will be included in the event that any amendments are proposed at the Annual Session and which meet the requirements as set out in ART. 47.1 (b).

Your committee expresses its gratitude to Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°, Executive Secretary and Chief Operating Officer, and Ms. Leslie Drake, Office and Finance Administrator, for their support and assistance throughout the year.

Submitted respectfully,
Brian W. Gilkinson, 33° Chairman
Steven E. Warren, 33° Jeffrey R. Dickson, 33°
Stephen G. Hannah, 33° Donald D. Thornton, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Thomas Wills, 33° for the acceptance of Part I of the report from the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation.

SGC: Before I ask for acceptance of the report, this is for the report only. Are there any other questions?

Brethren, this is the vote for the acceptance of the report only, not to approve the individual amendments to the Statutes and Regulations. Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Seeing none, that motion is carried.

Following our standard practice, I will now call on the Lieutenant Grand Commander to propose the motion seconded by the brother who submitted the proposal. Lieutenant Grant Commander.

LGC: Brethren, the proposed amendments have been distributed as part of the preliminary reports. We will take the vote as one omnibus motion for the proposed change from Past Active to Active Emeritus.

I move, seconded by Doug Easton, the proposed amendments as distributed.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? I will call on our Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert Whitmore.

PSGC Whitmore: Sovereign Grand Commander, I am speaking in opposition to the motion. Very similar motions were proposed in 2012 and also in 2019. In both cases, the motions, were defeated.

In considering the matter, I looked at the definition of the word emeritus. In my dictionary, it's defined as, quote, “retired and retaining the title as an honour”, and “one that has earned his discharge by service”.

Now, the amendments that are proposed in my submission, do not meet those definitions, because the only way an Active Member reaches the rank of what is now a Past Active is either by living and continuing to age 75 or by requesting the move to Past Active earlier than that. So, there's no discretion in our Statutes, it happens automatically upon one of those events taking place. So, when the word Emeritus is defined as earning the title simply by age, turning age 75, or by requesting a transfer in my submission is not, a special honour, or something that a person has earned by exceptional service.

Back in 2019, when we had the discussion, it was pointed out that in the United States, we do see the title emeritus, but again, that is not applied to every Active Member who becomes Past Active. It is indeed a special honour, and it's my understanding that when the title Emeritus is used in the academic world, universities, or in the world of our churches, again, it's an honorary title that's bestowed to recognize special contributions and special service, as opposed to something that automatically takes place.

If we were to adopt this practice, hypothetically, a man could become an Active Member, do nothing during his term, and one year later, elect to move to Past Active status, and he would be treated as Emeritus, just the same as any other brother who has really actively fulfilled his role.

So, I do oppose it on the general principle that Emeritus really is not what we do. It's not that we don't recognize special contributions, but rather simply move to Past Active after a person completes his time as Active.

In a more technical approach, I have a problem with the way the amendment actually is worded because in no way is it retroactive. So, we have currently existing Past Active members, there's no provision in this

amendment, if we adopted the word emeritus, that it would apply to our existing Past Active members, nor to the Past Active members who are deceased, and who show on our records as Past Actives. So, I think it would be very problematic if we had Active Members, and Past Active Members, and Active Emeritus Members.

Also, I think, with Article 21, Subsection c, in the amendments, we suddenly come upon the term Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus, and I understand that's what's being attempted here, is to, instead of being a Past Sovereign Grand Commander, one would become a Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus, but the amendment doesn't specifically say that and it doesn't describe where this term, Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus, comes from. As we know, a Past Sovereign Grand Commander continues as an Active Member of Supreme Council, even after age 75, so I think that it becomes very confusing when we start talking about Active Emeritus, who would not have a vote, and Sovereign Grand Commander Emeritus, who would continue to have a vote.

So, for those reasons, Sovereign Grand Commander and brethren, I am opposing the motion. I think it's been, as I said, it's been dealt with twice before. It results in, in my submission, confusion, and the word Emeritus, I feel, is simply just not appropriate.

SGC: Thank you, Illustrious Brother Whitmore. I recognize, the Deputy for Quebec, Illustrious Brother Oustwani.

Ill. Bro. Oustwani: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. I guess part of my question was answered already by Illustrious Brother Whitmore. I was just wondering if there are any other Supreme Councils worldwide that use Emeritus or something similar, and my understanding is no.

And then my second question is, would that cause a confusion amongst the membership at large, especially when looking at historical documents, when all of a sudden titles change, and with that not be in uniformity with the preceding documents. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you. Illustrious Brother, Brent Julian.

Ill. Bro. Julian: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. I've thought about this amendment for a while, and I'm not in favour of it, for a few reasons. For me, the term Past was always looked at as an honour. I think I hold 4 offices as such. I've never met a Past Grand Master or a Past Sovereign Grand Commander, that looked at that as not being an honourable term, so I'm not sure about the need to actually change. Also, I really think that, out in the various Valleys, they're still going to call us Past and that will go on for a while, and I think that will create confusion for maybe different reasons than Illustrious Brother Whitmore, but I do agree with his, so I will be voting no on this. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Brent. I recognize, Active Member, Stephen Hannah, please go ahead.

Ill. Bro. Hannah: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander. Everybody that spoke before me stole my thunder. I also oppose the motion on basically the same points that would add such a level of confusion to members, whereas the term Past, that has been with us since probably the beginning of Freemasonry, is well understood by everyone, and even the newest members to Freemasonry, very quickly know what that means. This term, Emeritus, suggests exceptional merit that I just think doesn't go along with our established practices and what everybody understands about the term. Thank you.

SGC: Thank you, Stephen. Illustrious Brother Easton, go ahead, please.

Ill. Bro. Easton: Thank you, Sovereign Grand Commander, I withdraw the motion. I understand the good feelings, but I think if people are saying that Actives are not providing service, we only do ourselves harm, so I withdraw the amendment that I proposed and that should save some time, because there should be no further discussion.

SGC: Thank you Illustrious Brother Easton. Any further discussion?

Ill. Bro. Farr: Point of order. I believe you need the permission of the mover as well.

SGC: Illustrious Brother Lieutenant Grand Commander.

LGC: Sovereign Grand Commander, I so give my permission to withdraw the motion.

SGC: Hearing that, there will be no need for the vote.

Brethren, I will now call on Illustrious Brother Loren Kline for a report on the Ritual committee.

Report of the Standing Committee On
RITUAL

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The Committee re-reviewed the 7° and 10° as when first submitted for approval at a late stage more suggested changes were reported just prior to the Zoom meeting. In addition, at the request of the Deputy for Alberta and the NWT, Ill. Bro. Al Long, the committee reviewed the 29° as the ritual on the website did not have the signs, tokens, and words included. These were found in one of Albert Pike's publications. All 3 rituals are attached and form part of this report. Ill. Bro. Tom Wills had a similar question concerning the 28° in that it too was lacking the signs, tokens, and words. The same reference provided answers.

The Chair of the committee was also asked to examine if dispensations for the use of selected parts of various rituals were acceptable for use in Master Mason's Nights or other "promotional" events.

Appreciation
I thank all of the members of the committee for their input on all of the matters reviewed. On behalf of the Committee, I express my sincere thanks to Ms. Leslie Drake for her valuable assistance. The Committee also thanks Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, for his assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Loren W. Kline 33°, Chairman

Miles R. Graham, 33°	Gordon L. Greasley, 33°	David G. Hooper, 33°
W. Douglas Keam, 33°	Gareth R. Taylor, 33°	Thomas A. Wills, 33°
Jacques G. Ruelland, 33°	Joel F. MacDonald, 33°	Stephen G. Hannah, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Steven Warren, 33°, and Gordon Greasley, 33°, that the report of the Ritual Committee, be received.

SGC: Brethren, this vote is for the acceptance of the report only. We will deal with the individual degree amendments separately. Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Seeing none, that motion is carried.

Lieutenant Grant Commander, will you please now proceed with the proposed amendments?

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Tom Wills, 33°, and Steven Warren, 33°, that the proposed amendments to the 7th degree ritual, be adopted.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion, is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Tom Wills, 33°, and Steven Warren, 33°, that the proposed amendments to the 10th degree ritual, be adopted.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion, is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Tom Wills, 33°, and Steven Warren, 33°, that the proposed amendments to the 29th degree ritual, be adopted.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion, is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Tom Wills, 33°, and Steven Warren, 33°, that the proposed amendments to the Oaths and Vows, be adopted.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion, is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

I will now call on Illustrious Brother Owen Devereaux, the Deputy for Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Labrador, and Nova Scotia for his report on Special Awards.

Report of the Special Committee On
SPECIAL AWARDS

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

This year the Committee had six applications to consider and a zoom meeting was held on April 23, 2025 to put forth two names. As always this is a difficult decision.

The brethren selected to receive this year's John Ross Matheson Award are:

Kenneth Clare Adamson, 33°, Initiated December 11, 1984, Passed April 9, 1985, Raised May 14, 1985 in Temple Lodge No. 324, (now Landmarks Temple No. 324) Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He served as the Worshipful Master of Temple Lodge No. 324, 1994-1995. He has served as Treasurer of Temple Lodge since 1998. He is currently the Organist for Landmarks Lodge and at least seven other Lodges in the Hamilton area. He served as the District Deputy Grand Master, Hamilton District "C", 2000.

Ken joined Murton Lodge of Perfection (Hamilton) on May 5, 1986 and received his 14° on May 6, 1986. He joined Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix receiving his 18° on April 16, 1987 and received his 32° on November 7, 1987 in Moore Sovereign Consistory (Hamilton). Ken was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, at the S.C. Sessions held at London, on September 13, 2001.

Ken is currently the Almoner of Moore Sovereign Consistory, having previously served as the Assistant

Grand Secretary 1996-1997 and as Grand Secretary 1998-2012 in the Consistory.

Ken was received as a member of the Royal Order of Scotland on April 28, 2009, serving as Grand Organist for many years. He always participates in Ritual at the meetings and is a member of various Concordant Bodies, including Grand Chapter where he often serves as organist.

Ken worked in the family business serving as President and General Manager and in 2010 after closing the business was hired by Towers Inc. as Executive Secretary for the Hamilton Valley, a position which he still holds. He also served as Organist for St. Giles United Church until its closure.

Ken has been an active community member in the following organizations: Past President of the following; Better Business Bureau of South-Central Ontario, Ontario Fabricare Association, Eastern Canadian Launderers & Drycleaners Association and Past Chairman of Industrial Accident Prevention Association of Ontario.

Ken epitomizes all the criteria which the John Ross Matheson Award seeks to offer. He is a well-respected mason and citizen of the city of Hamilton. His dedication to his Lodge has never faltered. He attends consistently and sets a very high standard for all. With his widespread involvement both as organist and as affiliated member of several other Lodges, he has become a true ambassador for Scottish Rite and for all that is right in Freemasonry. Ken is fully involved and truly is a hero and committed to our guiding principles, Scottish Rite, to Freemasonry. He goes above and beyond.

Ralph Henry West, 33°, Initiated November, 1959, Passed March 1960, and Raised April 1960 in Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He served as the Worshipful Master of Scott Lodge No. 421, 1973 and again in 1997.He served as the District Deputy Grand Master, Grey District, 1988.

Ralph joined Royal City Lodge of Perfection (Guelph) and received his 14° on November 27, 1963. He joined Guelph Chapter of Rose Croix receiving his 18° on November 11, 1964 and received his 32° on November 6, 1965 in Moore Sovereign Consistory (Hamilton). Ralph was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, at the S.C. Sessions held at Kingston, on September 14, 1995. He has served as TPGM and MWS in his Valley and received the 60-year Long Service Jewel in 2024. Ralph was a contributing member in the establishment of the Learning Centre in London.

He was received as a member of the Royal Order of Scotland on October, 2006, inducted (Life Member) Conestoga Conclave No. 12, Waterloo; MPS 2022-2023, Grand Intendant General, Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Ontario, 2024-2025, Royal Ark Mariners 2008, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada 2026-2018; Ontario Priory No. 49, Knight of the Cross of honour 2022, The York Rite College of Freemasonry 2022.

Ralph was happily married to Wanda since 1962, until her passing in 2023. They raised three children Marie, James and Sheila, and now is the proud papa to 4 grandchildren.

Ralph served as a Volunteer Fire Fighter in Grand Valley 1982-1993, retiring as Deputy Captain. Ralph is a member of the Grand Valley Curling Club, Knox Presbyterian Church and a local Square Dance Caller.

Since being initiated into Freemasonry, Ralph has been, and continues to be actively involved in the Fraternity. He has dedicated himself and his time to the Craft and Community at large and is well deserving of the JRM award.

We, the Committee encourage that this prestigious award be more publicly endorsed through the Clarion, The Communiqué, Active Members and Deputies. Our committee would like to acknowledge the ongoing support that we have received from the Supreme Council Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Owen T. Devereaux, 33°, Chairman

David G. Hooper, 33° Michael D. H. Farr, 33°
Gordon R. Maitland, 33° Bruce M. Jardine, 33°

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Owen Devereaux, 33°, and Tom Wills, 33°, that the report from the Committee on Special Awards be accepted.

SGC: Thank you very much, Illustrious Brother Devereaux. Acceptance of this report will approve the nominations of Kenneth Claire Adamson, 33°, Valley of Hamilton, and Ralph Henry West, 33°, Valley of Guelph, as recipients of the John Ross Matheson Award for 2025.

Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members please indicate if you oppose the motion. That motion is carried. Brethren, note that this is confidential for the moment. A letter will be sent by the office to inform the recipients of their award. I will work with the Deputies to make arrangements to present these awards in person at the earliest possible opportunity, and I look forward to hearing from the Deputies involved at their earliest convenience on that.

Grand Secretary-General, have all the deputies filed their reports?

GSG: Yes, Sovereign Grand Commander, and they can be found on pages 72 to 149 in the preliminary reports. I move, seconded by Tom Wills. The Deputy's reports be received.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. Seeing none, that motion is carried.

Brethren, before we move to the omnibus motion for all other reports, I'd like to address the items raised by the Committee on Unfinished Business with the following comments.

From their report:

- Item 1: Regarding Life Membership Trust Funds, I will be directing this to the Grand Treasurer-General, with the assistance of the Chairman of Audit & Finance, to review and report back to me with their findings and recommendations.
- Items 2 & 3: have been addressed in the report of the Committee on Audit & Finance.
- Item 4: The motion regarding future annual sessions. This should have been provided as information not as a motion.
- Item 5: Regarding the composition of the Officer Nomination Committee, this was discussed by the Advisory Council and we are content with the committee structure as it now stands.

Grand Secretary-General, you have a motion.

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, I move, seconded by Tom Wills, that the following reports be accepted as distributed:

- Grand Secretary-General
- SGC's Initiative: Membership
- Ad Hoc: Degrees in the 21st Century
- Ad Hoc: Future Initiatives
- Ad Hoc: Valley Membership
- Audit & Finance
- Fraternal Relations
- The General State of the Rite

- Communications
- DeMolay, Leadership Development
- Education & Enlightenment
- Library and Archives
- The Clarion
- The Communiqué
- Unfinished Business

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Active Members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. That motion is carried.

Report of the Grand Secretary-General

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren:

I am delighted and privileged to give you an update on your Grand Secretary-General activities, and other projects we have achieved and are exploring.

Conferences and Meetings Attended.

1. MRC Annual General Meeting in Tampa Fl. October 2024.
2. North American Conference of Grand Secretaries in Mrytle Beach, South Carolina on Feb. 17-21/25 Also staffed the MRC Display Booth and attended breakout sessions. Published a paper on "I did not know that about that brother."

A. Future Annual Sessions

Executive Session September 2025

Full Session Hamilton 2026. Planning committee in place and operational under Chairman Ill. Bro. Lou Domjan, 33°.

Executive Session September 2027

Full Session Valley of Nanaimo 2028 with Planning Committee in place.

Executive Session September 2029

Full Session 2030-TBD

B. The Clarion-Jan.2025 issue was well received by membership.

In 2025 the focus was on the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council, the 60th Anniversary of the SRCF and Valley activities.

C. Ad Hoc Valley Membership Reps Committee created

To date we have 30 Valley Membership Representatives assigned to share the best practices on Membership Development and Retention in their Valleys.

D. Membership Initiatives

Beafreemason.org continues to be a successful website in attracting person of interest to learn more about Freemasonry. I continue to share the statistics from NMJ with Advisory Council, Deputies, and Valley Membership Reps. Watching closely new NMJ campaigns Journey On, Timeless Connections, and Pathfinder.

Degrees in the 21st Century- the 6th degree video is now available on the SC website along with the Instruction manual and playbill. This is our second in the series, the first being the 8th degree. On March 22, 2025, we videoed the 16th degree with the Valley of Toronto Cast.

Future Initiatives Ad Hoc Committee- under the Chairmanship of Brent Julian this committee is challenged with looking at the works of E&E Committee, Library, Degrees in the 21st Century and Communications and how can we apply current technologies going forward in the future while maintaining our traditions.

At the year end of 2023 membership in Scottish Rite Canada was approximately 9670 members. The membership maximized the use of new technologies to communicate, connect and educate with each other.

Office
The office in Hamilton continues to work very efficiently and I extend my thanks to the efforts of COO Steven Warren, Office and Finance Administrator Leslie Drake and Office Administrator Barb Lee.

The office continues to work closely with the SGC and the Deputies to resolve any issues which might arise, and their co-operation is most appreciated.

Closing Remarks
My personal thanks go out to the SGC, the LGC, the COO, Leslie Drake and Barb Lee for their continuing guidance and cooperation. To be a successful organization teamwork, attention to detail and customer service work hand in hand and that's what we do well.

There are many other individuals whose collective efforts play an integral role in the day-to-day operations and well-being of Scottish Rite across Canada. In particular, the cooperation of the Deputies and Valley Secretaries has been most appreciated. Thank you.

Connecting is Everything!

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. McLean, 33°
Grand Secretary-General

Report of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiative On
MEMBERSHIP

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Membership is Everything!

Last year was an exciting year for membership engagement in the support of celebrating the 150th

Anniversary of our Supreme Council 1874-2024 and the 60th Anniversary of the SRCF. Many Valleys have provided some form of celebration.

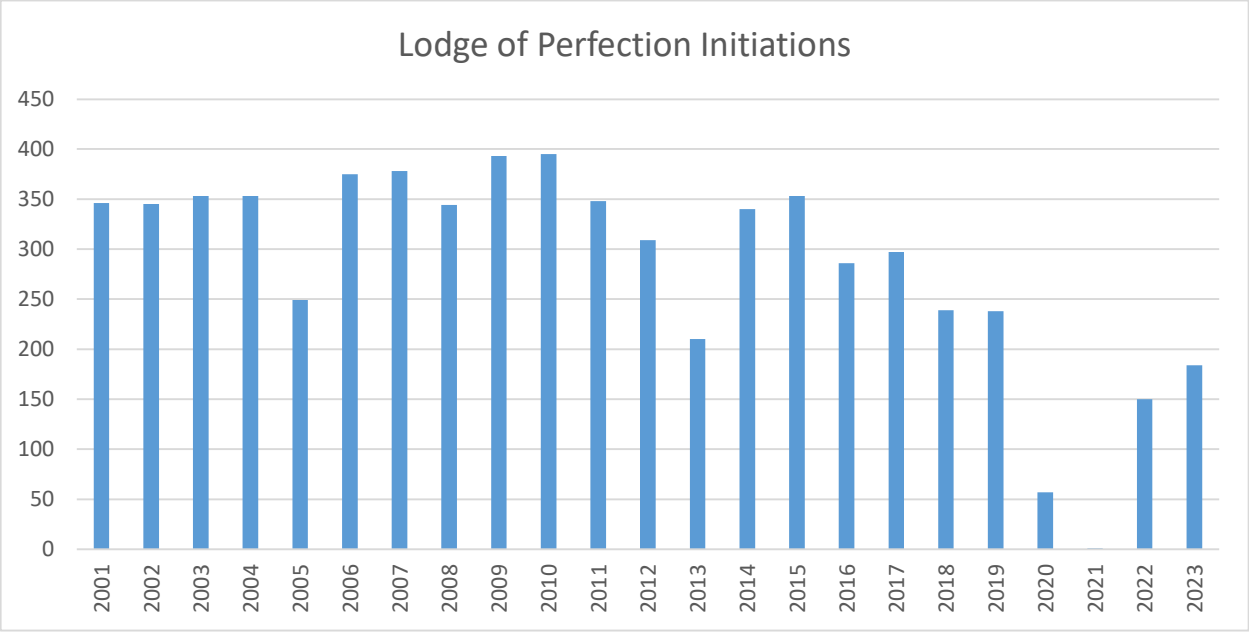
New Membership Initiative 2024-25-Valley Membership Reps

We are please to report that we have asked each Deputy to provide a name and contact for a Valley Membership Representative from each Valley. To date we have Thirty (30) assigned representatives, and we have conducted 4 meetings to date. The objective is to share best practices across Valleys on what is going well and what could be improved under the topic of Membership Development and Retention in your Valley. See further details in the Ad Hoc Valley Membership Reps report in the Preliminaries.

We have a lot of Membership Tools in our shopping cart!

- The SR Membership Jewel a great tool to promote Scottish Rite Freemasonry
- The membership video-The Masonic Journey Continues
- New Membership Brochures
- The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Bulletins and Video Series.
- The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation new brochure.
- Volume Two of the History of our Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation 1985-2014
- Membership Survey Improvement Planning
- The New Scottish Rite Banners
- SGC welcome letter to new SR members on receiving their 14th degree.
- A paper on How Scottish Rite can support Craft Lodges and Supreme Council Explained.
- Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry-power point presentation as been refreshed.
- The good works of our Library Committee-Ex Libris videos now on the website
- Education and Enlightenment programs and papers on the website
- The new 8th & 6th degree Videos. Coming soon- 16th Degree.
- The Valley Health Assessment Tool (HAT)
- The Deputies Checklists
- The Clarion and Communique

I would like to focus on a Positive Membership trend illustrated in the following chart, which shows a modest increase in initiations over the last two years.



Let us continue to work together on innovative concepts and solutions to enhance membership growth. We need your ideas and look forward to your thoughts.

In closing I extend my thanks and appreciation to Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, on the Leadership Initiative and Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov, 33°, on the Communication Committee, and Ill. Bro. Robert Brethour, 33°, Deputy for Ontario on the Education and Enlightenment Committee. Also, I am grateful to the Provincial Deputies and the Active and Past Active members for their support and communication of these initiatives in the Valleys as we journey forward together.

Let us all Celebrate Membership Together. We are indeed "Better Together."

Respectfully submitted,
Terry A. McLean, 33°
Grand Secretary-General
Membership Initiative

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee On
DEGREES IN THE 21st CENTURY

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

We now have the 6th Degree, and the 8th Degree videos available for downloading on the Supreme Council website and are accessible by Actives, Past Actives and Valley Secretaries.

We continue to review our degrees with a look to the future and consult with focus groups.

On March 22, 2025, we video produced the 16th Degree with the Cast from the Valley of Toronto. Due to unforeseen circumstances some of the degree segments requires a reshoot and editing to be scheduled for the Fall of 2025.

We are taking a pause on future video degree productions for the 2025-2026 budget year.

We trust the Valleys who are unable to portray these non-obligatory degrees have found some value and benefit with these video productions.

This committee also reports to the Future Initiatives committee under the Chairmanship of Ill. Bro. Brent Julian, 33°.

Respectively submitted,
Terry A. McLean, 33°, Chairman

Committee Members: David A. Bennett, 33°, Milan Cobanov, 33°, Robert D. Brethour, 33°

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee On
FUTURE INITIATIVES

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The Future Initiatives Committee is a think-tank committee that meets to discuss topics, ideas and possible

trends that may affect or be of use to our Fraternity.

Our ever-changing world often brings new trends, ideas, surprises and even challenges. This committee's goal is to explore these various trends and to discuss their impacts on our Fraternity and to examine if there are opportunities to improve our Scottish Rite experience while maintaining our beloved traditions. Any proposals and meeting minutes are forwarded to the appropriate Supreme Council committee for further review. The committee is composed of a good cross-section of disciplines and capacities. This term your Future Initiatives Committee met twice in both January and May of 2025 and discussed the following ideas.

Membership and Relevance

In the January meeting the topics of Membership and Relevance were discussed including aspects such as declining membership, retention of members and also how to ensure current members remain engaged. A review of the previous year's Deputies' reports identified that declining membership was the most common concern. Even with a resurgence of new and younger members there was still an overall decline of membership of over 3,600 members in the eight years between 2017 and 2024. The Covid years obviously had a significant effect; however, there is still a projected declination of over 2,700 by the year 2030. Key ideas discussed:

- Newer members tend to be younger; however, there has been a 'shift' in how these newer members tend to look at their memberships and obligations.
- Prior to 1981 membership was thought to be a social expectation and social belonging was assumed.
- Newer members tend to look as membership as a choice and that their engagement and involvement needs to be valued.
- Valleys that are having success with various methods. What are the possible solutions?
    - Supreme Council has established an ad-hoc Progression Committee to examine and discuss several best practices on how to ensure the progression of both new members as well as officers. Members are encouraged to take this information back to their Valleys.
    - Encourage Officers to give extra attention to new members to make them feel welcome.
    - Well run Master Mason nights and Festive Boards are excellent tools.
    - HIG's are the ambassadors of Supreme Council. Their leadership in their respective Valleys is important and needs to be relied on.
    - Encouraging the passing of the torch of cast parts from older to younger members would encourage active participation of our newer members.
    - The importance of giving the 'best we can' in degree portrayals inspires our members (old and new). Some Valleys have successfully utilized Degree Director workshops to assist the Directors in this endeavour.
    - The development of Degree Production and Directors Manuals are also a useful tool to success.
    - The creation and use of a Membership Marketing Committee.
    - The creation and use of Membership Engagement Committees to follow up with new members after each Assembly/Reunion.
    - Encourage all members to make use of the Supreme Council website. This is a very valuable and underused resource.
    - The distribution of pre and post degree explanations and playbills are a great resource for new members.
    - Continued promotions of our charitable initiatives and the value of our Learning Centres to the community.

The above ideas are thought to be excellent contributors to membership renewal and maintaining relevance.

Artificial Intelligence

Our May meeting was a thought-provoking one with the discussion of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its potential impact on our organization. The use of various AI tools such as ChatGPT, Google's Gemini, or Microsoft's Co-Pilot are still in their infancy. They are being used by more people and are attracting significant attention, particularly from many new users, including some of our newest members. Currently, the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite has been exploring the use of Generative AI, while the Masonic Renewal Committee has been testing and evaluating an AI Assistant as a research tool for a large series of content based on a data base of Short Talk Bulletins of the Masonic Service Association of North America. Several members of the Future Initiatives Committee had an opportunity to test-run this technology.

In addition to this Ill. Bro. Milan Cobanov presented to the committee a demonstration of the Google NotebookLM, which is an AI based application that acts as a research assistant. By uploading various documents and website information, this application can extract and summarize information and also generate an audio overview or summary report. A roundtable discussion of these ideas both supporting and opposing are highlighted here:

- It was agreed that the use of AI is mostly in its infancy and that the technology is still developing.
- Many users are in the creative or experimental phase.
- Potential uses of the technology could include assistance with;
    - Research assistance of large volumes of data (libraries, research material, historical documents and proceedings)
    - Report writing and summaries
    - Speech writing research
    - Organizational efficiencies
    - Could be helpful in polishing the end product
    - The use of AI may be more popular with younger demographics.
- Potential pitfalls or concerns with the use of this technology are highlighted below;
    - Incorrect, missing data or fake data
    - Lack of references to confirm accuracy
    - Over-reliant use prevents the benefits of the human touch
    - An inexperienced user may not be able to know if the information is accurate.
    - The use of AI may alternatively be less popular with older demographics.
    - If taken slowly it could be a manageable technology
    - Ethical concerns may be an issue. Is the work being generated as the person's own? However, it was noted that there are ways to detect this. It was also believed that this would be a minimum issue.
    - Privacy and security may be an issue, it was felt that these concerns are comparable to those experienced with current technologies and could be effectively managed.

Conclusion

While the committee feels that this technology is still developing and will only get stronger, it is also currently here and in use. Developing protocols and guidelines is a good first step. The committee will continue to monitor the development of AI as it relates to our organization with a keen eye on reinforcing our Scottish Rite values and traditions in our ever-changing world. Although this technology may seem intimidating to certain individuals, it does not change who we are and what we will continue to do. As Deputy Brethour so succinctly stated, "the Ritual is our Jewel"!

To the members of this committee, I wish to extend my personal thanks. Your involvement with this committee is our strength. Thanks and appreciation are also due to Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, and to our office administrators, Ms. Leslie Drake, and Barb Lee for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Brent Julian, 33°, Chairman

David A. Bennett, 33°	Robert S. Whitmore, 33°	Thomas A. Wills, 33°
Terry A. McLean, 33°	Robert D. Brethour, 33°	Gareth R. Taylor, 33°
Douglas G. Easton, 33°	Stephen Godfrey, 33°	H. Evan Woodhead, 33°
Milan Cobanov, 33°	Adrian Cretu, 33°	

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee On
VALLEY MEMBERSHIP

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

On behalf of this new ad hoc committee, I am pleased to report that we have asked each Provincial Deputy to provide a name and contact for a Valley Membership Representative from each Valley. To date we have Thirty (30) assigned representatives, and we have conducted four meetings to date. **The committee objective is to share best practices across Valleys on what is going well and what could be improved under the topic of Membership Development and Retention in your Valley.**

Topics shared and discussed to date include:

1. An informative educational paper on Supreme Council Explained
2. The video entitled-The Masonic Journey Continues
3. A list of 7 Habits of successful Lodges/Valleys
4. The refreshed PowerPoint presentation on “Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry from the Education and Enlightenment Committee
5. The Membership Dashboard by Ill. Bro. Tim Wheeland, PGM Ohio
6. Timeless Connections presentation by Linda Patch, Marketing Director, NMJ
7. Masonic Renewal Committee Brochure-Their Role
8. Be Calm: A Freemason Elevator Talk
9. I Did Not Know That About That Brother Process
10. A Night at the Rite Program Agenda
11. What do Masons Do by Bro. Jeffrey Allain
12. Roundtable-Does or Has your Valley had a Master Mason Night?
13. A Progression Survey Craft to Rite
14. A Book Entitled Membership SHIFT-Why Members leave and the proven strategies to bring them back by Sarah L. Sladek

What we are learning together is that the Membership experience must be a priority. Everything about Freemasonry in Scottish Rite happens in the local Valley level. Supreme Council needs to work with the Valleys on educational opportunities and on leadership opportunities. We believe Scottish Rite is a vibrant organization, a relevant organization, and an organization that continues at a time to make a difference in people’s lives.

It really is as simple as this- “32 Degrees plus core values equals an extraordinary life.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the committee,
Terry A. McLean-Chairman
And the 30 Valley Membership Representatives

Report of the Standing Committee On
AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The duties of the standing committee on Audit & Finance are outlined in Article 40 (a) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council and we are now pleased to report accordingly.

Valley Financial Returns

At time of writing, the members of your Audit & Finance Committee have received and reviewed 66% of Valley Financial Returns, year ending 2024. Reviewer comments are passed back to the individual Valley Leadership and Provincial Deputy. 92% of Valleys report their Financial Health as Stable or Growing while 77% of Reviewers report the same.

Reporting shows that our overall membership is aging and numbers are slowly decreasing. Many Valleys are optimistic that there is a gentle resurgence of interest in Freemasonry which will result in new members, which is reflected in their three-year projections. Many Valleys have reported that they are actively pursuing Master Mason Nights and other activities to attract new members.

It should be noted that a small number of Valleys are operating with an excess of expenses over revenues and drawing down investment capital to cover losses. These situations are noted in the Reviewer's comments and recommendations are provided to the Valley Leadership and Deputy with regard to reversing this situation.

The committee continues to express concern over the number of Valleys that do not submit their completed AF Forms on time. Only 50% of Valleys submitted their forms by the stated deadline of 31 March. Valleys are sent reminders and Provincial Deputies are copied, however, completed forms are still slow to come in. The committee requests the assistance of the Provincial Deputies to follow up with their Valleys and encourage them to submit on time.

By-Law Amendments

In coordination with the Supreme Council Office and the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence & Legislation, I have reviewed by-law submissions from seven Valleys. Two, submitted as Review Requests, have been given tentative approval and are awaiting votes by Valley Membership before final approval is given. Three submissions received approval and have been enacted by the Valleys, one was returned incomplete, and one is in the review process at time of writing.

Financial Statements

Your committee met by Zoom and reviewed the Financial Statements prepared by Doane Grant Thornton. On the Schedule of Expenses, the administration expense line "Website" was questioned and it was determined that the updating of the Scottish Rite Eagle to a vector file was included in this expense line which addressed the large variance from one year to the next. The report received the approval of the committee.

Fiscal 2025 Expenses in Excess of Budget

The Statues of our Supreme Council call for the Committee on Audit & Finance to examine and report on expenses in excess of budget. In doing so, the committee reports as follows:

i. Line items that have either a small dollar or percent variance are accepted as normal course of business.
ii. Supplies: came in at $4,948 vs. budget of $2,000. This was largely the result of unexpected costs of $2,000 for the in-house postage metre. Additionally, large supply orders were placed in support

of normal office operations, the Ottawa Session, and 150th Anniversary celebration. Office staff make reasonable efforts to allocate the cost of supplies to the appropriate account, however, it does result in small variances.

iii. Public Relations: actual was $3,752 vs. budget of $11,300. Although this is below budget it is a significant variance into which the committee made inquiry. The budget included two projects pertaining to the website… 1) Redesign and improve the Member's Section of the site and 2) Responsive Web Design which would improve the layout and appearance of the website based on the user's device (phone, tablet, desktop). These projects did not go ahead during the F2025 year.

iv. Attendance at Other Supreme Councils: came in at $23,505 vs. budget of $20,300. This overage was due to increased costs related to travel and in particular, airfare. The committee did note however, that the Sovereign Grand Commander's travel within Canada was $2,483 under budget and, when combined, the total travel expense came in at only $722 over budget for the year.

The year-end numbers show income exceeding budget by $10,956, expenses $30,652 under budget, and income from investments exceeding expectation by $20,392. This resulted in an excess of revenue over expenses for the year of ($4,975) vs. budget ($66,975).

Fiscal 2026 Budget

The committee has reviewed the F2026 budget as prepared by the Grand Treasurer-General and recommend its approval. We note that the F2025 expense budget, excluding the 150th Anniversary, was $316,825 compared to the F2026 budget of $286,010 and we acknowledge the efforts of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Grand Secretary-General, and Grand Treasurer-General in managing the budget and keeping expenses down.

T1044 CRA Filing

The CRA requires non-profit organisations which have assets greater than $200,000 and/or income greater than $10,000 to file a T1044 annually. We have noted that there are Valleys who meet these minimums and are not filing or have not confirmed that they are filing. The committee will be conducting a review of all Valleys to ensure proper filing is being completed.

Unfinished Business

The Committee on Unfinished Business identified items to be addressed by this committee.

2. Principal Officer Expense Reports: this was discussed by the committee and it was agreed that the intent of this was not 'up to' but rather 'in excess' of budget. The Committee on Audit & Finance will continue to review total expenses vs. budget and report on any expenses which exceed budget by a meaningful amount.
3.
   - 3.1. Checklist to assist Secretaries and Treasurers with Annual Financial Returns: this was not completed this year and will be reviewed with Supreme Council Office Staff to add to the existing instructions distributed with the forms.
   - 3.2. Completed returns to be sent to the Office and Chairman of Audit & Finance: this change was made for this year's returns.
   - 3.3. Series of calls to provide guidance and instruction on completing AF Forms: this was discussed by the committee and it was felt that, rather than a general information session, one-on-one interaction between Reviewers and Valley Treasurers would provide better, more relevant information where and as needed.
   - 3.4. Include Deputies in similar process of guidance regarding AF Forms (3.3): the Audit & Finance committee is available to the Provincial Deputies at any time to provide information and answer questions. Deputies are included on correspondence between the Supreme Council Office and Valleys in regard to their Annual Returns, outstanding payments, and overdue reports. It is hoped that the Deputies will take an active role in assisting and encouraging their Valleys to complete and submit reports on time.

The committee wishes to express our thanks to Ms. Leslie Drake and Mrs. Barb Lee, as well as the

Provincial Deputies and Grand Treasurer-General for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven E. Warren, 33°, Chairman

H. Evan Woodhead, 33°	James G. Vasko, 33°	H. Kendall Turner, 33°
James C. Sutherland, 33°	John C. Revell, 33°	R. John Mercer, 33°
Norman G. McCarthy, 32°	Brian V. Koivu, 33°	Robert A. Kennaway, 33°
Douglas P. Bain, 33°		

Report of the Standing Committee On **FRATERNAL RELATIONS**

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The Standing Committee on Fraternal Relations is pleased to present this report in discharge of the duty imposed upon it by Art. 40(b) of the Statutes and Regulations of this Supreme Council to keep informed concerning fraternal relations with other Supreme Councils and Masonic Bodies throughout the world, to advise the Sovereign Grand Commander with respect to the conduct thereof and to report thereon to this Supreme Council at each Annual Session.

Full Annual Session

Although a Full Annual Session of our Supreme Council normally would not fall into the scope of a Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, our most recent Full Annual Session, held in Ottawa on September 12-14, 2024, was very special, both for our own Supreme Council and also from the perspective of our fraternal relations. Marking the 150th anniversary of the establishment of our Supreme Council, we were honoured with the presence of many dignitaries from our sister Supreme Councils from around the world. Of particular note, the following brethren were welcomed into our Supreme Council, and their presence certainly reaffirmed the bonds between our Supreme Council and other Masonic bodies domestically and internationally.

In particular, we welcomed:

From the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario:
Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Jamie R. Ireland

From the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.:
Ill. James D. Cole, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander
Ill. Alan W. Adkins, 33°, Grand Cross and S.G.I.G. in Virginia
Ill. Terry L. Bowman, 33°, S.G.I.G. in Kentucky

From the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.:
Ill. Walter E. Wheeler, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander,
Ill. Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33°, Grand Chancellor,
Ill. Bro. Richard J. Powell, 33°, S.G.I.G. in New York and the Grand Representative for Canada.

Supreme Council for England and Wales:
M.P. Bro. John Boyington, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander,
Most Ill. Bro. Giles Shilson, 33°, Grand Secretary-General.

Supreme Council for Scotland:
M. P. Bro. Charles Iain Robert Wolridge Gordon of Esselmont, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander,

V.P. Bro. Ewan Rutherford, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland,
Most Ill. Alexander Galbraith, 33°, Grand Secretary-General.

Concordant Bodies
The presiding Officers of several of our Concordant Bodies.

To welcome so many distinguished visitors to our Supreme Council Session on this very special anniversary event was indeed an honour and a tribute to our Supreme Council.

Changes within other Supreme Councils
This year, we received only a few notices of changes within the Supreme Councils with whom we are in amity. In particular, we were advised:

Supreme Council of Poland:
In September 2024, we were notified that Ill. Bro. Pawel *t*ysakowski. 33°, had assumed the office of Sovereign Grand Commander.

Supreme Council of Mexico:
In February, we were advised that a new Grand Representative for Canada had been appointed.

Supreme Council of Portugal:
In May we were advised that S.G.I.G. Amadeu Ferreira de Paiva, 33°, was appointed as Grand Representative of our Supreme Council and our Ill. Bro. Karl E. Springer, 33°, was confirmed as Portugal's Grand Representative to the Supreme Council of Canada.

In all cases where appropriate, letters of congratulations were sent by our Supreme Council office.

Requests for Recognition
No new requests for recognition were received during this past year from recently formed Supreme Councils. As reported in our report last year, we have numerous requests pending for recognition from newly formed Supreme Councils from several jurisdictions. These include Albania, Andora, Azerbaijan, Benin, Gabon, Mauritius, Nicaragua, and Slovakia. Each of these Supreme Councils is less than ten years old, and in keeping with our custom of allowing a lengthy period to pass, thus providing time to assess stability before recognition is extended, we do not recommend any action at this time.

News from other Supreme Councils

Supreme Council of Italy:
As reported last year, a nasty dispute developed in Italy, which resulted in the Grand Master of the Grand Orient issuing a decree banning its members from participating in Scottish Rite. Although we were advised last year that attempts were being made to resolve this dispute, we have received no further information as to the status of this dispute. Although neither the Supreme Council of England and Wales nor the Supreme Council of Scotland recognize the Supreme Council of Italy, both Supreme Councils in the U.S.A. do recognize it, as does our Supreme Council. Pending receipt of further clarification, we recommend that we wait and see the outcome of this dispute before taking any action on this.

Supreme Council of Greece:
Last year, we were advised that a resolution of the bitter dispute between competing claims within this jurisdiction had been reached. Nevertheless, we recommended that we continue to monitor the situation and not take any action until we were assured of stability. Sadly, we have recently learned that issues still exist, and stability may not yet have been achieved. Accordingly, we recommend that we take no action at this time.

Iran in Exile:
By letter dated June 15, 2025, we received a message from Ill. Bro. Mehrdad M. Youssefiani, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for Iran in Exile, sending his best wishes for a blessed Father's Day and expressing his hopes for divine aid and a brighter future.

This letter serves as a reminder to each of us that, notwithstanding differing political perspectives, many of our brethren in several other jurisdictions are living under stress, hardship and danger. To each of them, wherever they may be, we express our brotherly love and prayers.

Southern and Northern Jurisdictions, U. S.A.:
In August, our Sovereign Grand Commander and Lieutenant Grand Commander, together with our appropriate Grand Representatives, will attend the Supreme Council Sessions for these Supreme Councils in Washington, D.C. and Indianapolis, respectively. These are important visits and provide an opportunity for the Supreme Council of Canada to show its presence and demonstrate its support for our sister Supreme Councils in our neighbouring jurisdictions.

World Conference of Supreme Councils
In May, our Sovereign Grand Commander travelled to Bucharest, Romania to attend the World Conference of Supreme Councils. This event, which is normally held once every five years, brings together representatives from Supreme Councils throughout the world. The connections and links formed during such events serve to cement the important role that the Supreme Council of Canada plays on the Scottish Rite world stage. Of particular note at this session was the recognition and admission to full membership of the Prince Hall United Supreme Councils. Also, our Sovereign Grand Commander presented a paper at this Conference which was well received.

Conclusion
In conclusion, your Committee recommends that all communications and all actions taken by the Sovereign Grand Commander and other officers and members of Supreme Council in respect of our relations with other Supreme Councils and Grand Masonic bodies be ratified and confirmed.

The committee also joins in expressing gratitude to our Sovereign Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother David A. Bennett, 33°, our Lieutenant Grand Commander, Illustrious Brother Thomas A. Wills, 33°, our Grand Secretary-General, Illustrious Brother Terry A. McLean, 33°, our Chief Operating Officer, Illustrious Brother Steven E. Warren, 33°, our Office and Finance Administrator, Ms. Leslie Drake, and our Office Administrator, Mrs. Barb Lee for all their support and assistance during this past year and, more importantly, for all they do to present our Supreme Council favourably throughout the many jurisdictions of our Scottish Rite world.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert S. Whitmore, 33°, Chairman
Orlan J. Weber, 33°
Richard A. H. Brown, 33°
Steven E. Warren, 33°
Gordon R. Maitland, 33°
Donald D. Thornton, 33°

Report of the Standing Committee On
THE GENERAL STATE OF THE RITE

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

In compliance with Article 40(c) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council, your committee is pleased to submit this annual report which contains matters pertaining to the General State of the Rite throughout the jurisdiction of Canada.

The Lieutenant Grand Commander acting as Chairman and the eleven Provincial Deputies responsible for 44 Valleys across Canada comprise this committee.

I have based my report on the four Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives; Membership, Leadership, Communications and Education & Enlightenment. I have also reviewed the Deputy reports for their respective Valleys, along with the new revised Deputy Checklist. I have provided an overview of the State of the Rite across Canada.

We are extremely fortunate to have hard working and resolute Deputies assisting the Valleys they are responsible for. The Deputies have formed beneficial relationships with their Valleys and are able to offer support with any initiatives and discussion on how to improve operations. I recommend that all Deputies take the time to read the reports, there is vital information and ideas that can be used to assist their respective Valleys.

	Deputy Checklist National		
Question	**Membership Tools**	**Using**	**Not using**
6	Do you have a Scottish Rite Banner to use at events?	79%	21%
7	Would you consider using the Health Assessment Tool as a membership questionnaire?	90%	10%
	Leadership Tools		
1	Do you have a Valley Improvement Plan in place?	70%	30%
2	Do you involve members in solving problems?	87%	13%
3	Are your Officers supplied with the Officers Manual of Supreme Council?	73%	27%
4	Do you have a Valley Officers Manual outlining specific duties?	60%	40%
5	Has your Valley used the Valley By-Law Template?	61%	39%
6	Has your Grand Secretary/Registrar used the Orientation Manual of Supreme Council?	65%	35%
7	Do you have Valley Office Manuals for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer?	43%	57%
	Communication		
1	Does your Valley have a website	30%	70%
2	Does your Valley publish a Newsletter?	58%	42%
3	If there is a generic website template available, would your Valley be interested at a nominal cost?	68%	32%
4	Do you take advantage of electronic delivery of material to your members?	100%	0%
5	Example – Email communications with Valley members?	100%	0%
6	Does your Valley use Social Media?	70%	30%
7	Do your members contribute to the Valley with social media and communication?	45%	55%
8	Are the members of your Valley familiar with the Supreme Council website?	98%	2%
9	Has your Valley submitted articles for Clarion and Communique?	91%	9%
	Education and Enlightenment		
1	***Does your Valley use:***		
	a) Pre and Post Degree Explanations	89%	11%
	b) Degree Playbills	73%	27%

	Deputy Checklist National		
	c) Degree Music on the Scottish Rite website	30%	70%
	d) Have you watched/presented the 6° and 8° Videos?	58%	42%
2	Does your Valley have an Education Committee?	48%	52%
3	Do you promote the Education & Enlightenment section of Supreme Council's website?	79%	21%
4	Does your Valley have an updated History?	40%	60%
5	Does your Valley use the Library Section of the Scottish Rite Website?	88%	12%
	Deputy's Award Program		
1	Has your Valley ever applied	89%	11%

Membership

The number of lost members in the Valleys across Canada in the 2024-2025 Scottish Rite year appears to have stabilized. There have been reported increases in membership levels in certain Valleys, and region or jurisdiction has no bearing on this. It seems to be determined by programs and procedures that have been implemented by those Valleys. While a significant number of Valleys reported a small decrease, it is notable that the majority of these decreases were perhaps one to five members per Valley. This is in contrast to the large drop experienced immediately after the pandemic. Additionally, some Valleys reported larger decreases due to deaths and demits. This past year, a few Valleys also attributed lost members to updating their membership lists and locating "missing" members who had fallen out of contact and are either inactive or deceased. Although there has been good intake of new members, the loss through attrition unfortunately still exceeds this.

The 2024 report raised the question of whether the general increase in new members was a "catch-up" period from the pandemic closure of activities or a genuine revitalization of interest in joining Scottish Rite. The rate of applications for Scottish Rite membership, as reflected in class sizes, remains a concern in some Valleys. Depending on the region, even down to individual Valleys, there is no consensus on whether applications have indeed slowed. Various Valleys are implementing recruitment strategies, including personal contact and hosting events like Master Masons Night to attract new members. Valley Marketing Teams are also working to enhance Scottish Rite visibility in Craft Lodges.

Concerns about membership recruitment and retention remain a focus, especially as membership ages. Valleys with effective succession plans for officers and have long-range planning are mitigating potential losses by having committees in place to engage their members actively. Observations indicate that many newer members in recent years are Masons who are very interested in Scottish Rite Freemasonry and wish to participate not only in the work of the Valley but also in improving operations. Successful Valley Leadership Teams recognize that new Scottish Rite members are interested in contributing beyond obtaining their degrees. With time and effort, Leadership Teams of these Valleys are rebuilding Degree Teams, forming new and useful committees, and utilizing an energetic workforce. It is beneficial for Valley Leadership Teams to ensure members feel valued and included in solving problems and determining what aspects of Scottish Rite are relevant to them and their families. Prosperous Valleys engage their members and ask them about their needs and expectations and how we could assist them in reaching those goals.

Leadership

Our Scottish Rite Valleys are known for their strong leadership, which includes Executive Committees, Senior Officers, Grand Secretaries/Registrars, Honorary Inspectors-General, and both Active and Past Active members of the Supreme Council. These dedicated members are crucial to the successful operation of any Valley. It is abundantly clear that Valleys have dedicated and caring members as guardians and custodians of their Scottish Rite homes.

The Supreme Council focuses on the Sovereign Grand Commander's Initiatives: Membership, Leadership, Communications, and Education & Enlightenment. To track progress in these areas, in 2024 we revised the Deputy's Checklist. The results from the Deputy's Checklists 2024 & 2025 Official Visits are recorded in the chart above.

Future planning is essential for Valley leadership teams. Provincial Deputies will guide and encourage Valleys to adopt a Valley Improvement Plan. This year, 70% of Valleys across Canada have implemented such plans, a decline for the last two consecutive years. The caveat to this statement is that some Valleys perhaps have an informal forecast or financial plan but not call it a Valley Improvement Plan. Without a strong plan with clear metrics, future programs, membership retention, recruitment, and financial stability are left to chance. Deputies will assist Valleys in developing these plans, highlighting the significant benefits of long-range planning.

Officer and leadership succession planning is also vital for long-term viability. Deputy reports show our solid leadership, and the development of new officers and members will ensure the Valley's success. Many Valleys include succession planning in their Valley Improvement Plans, emphasizing its importance. It is our duty to find and mentor new members who are eager to learn and lead.

It must be noted that offering the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) as a membership survey in your Valley is a great way to determine self examine the areas of focus or growth. Items in the HAT such as Member Relations, Common Purpose, Family Involvement and Programs help identify successes and ways to improve the value and purpose for your Valley.

Some examples of Leadership comments and suggestions below by Deputies and members are from the Revised Deputy Checklist and reports:

Initiative	**Description**
Membership Engagement Committee	Engages and assists new members in areas of interest.
Reunion Manager position	Time Management and Degree Coordination
Officers Committee	Projects future officers 1 to 3 years in advance
Cloverleaf Visits	Regular visits with other Valleys, mutual degree cast member/team support
Marketing Teams	Attracts new members, investigates increased online presence, District or Craft Lodge Liaisons
Education Committee	Dedicated to education, monthly presentations
Valley Officers Manual	Assists officers in their duties and expectations
Reunions	Named in honour of a worthy brother and showcases that individual’s contribution to Masonry and society in general
New members mentoring	Encouraged to take roles in degree work
Officer succession plans	Benefits from the Officer Support Committee
Committees	Facilitate operation of the Valley under one set of By-laws that work in favour of all bodies
Support network	Strong network of past TPGMs, MWS’s and HIGs
Craft Lodge presentations	Promote Scottish Rite, other opportunities discussed
Leadership training	Needs to be available for the Valleys
Leadership within Valley	Should not rest solely upon a single individual, crucial for 33^{rds} and Officers to foster engagement

Communication

Timely and accurate communication with the membership of a Valley is vital. Valleys primarily use email and postal service mail for our communications. Many members prefer receiving emails, and this number is growing. Email is the most cost-effective and immediate communication method we have, helping save both time and money. However, it is understood that some members do not use electronic communications. While they may not receive the same volume of information, Valleys must ensure that key communications, such as the Summons, are mailed to them promptly.

Approximately 30% of Valleys with larger memberships have implemented their own websites, which include contact information, event calendars, articles, pictures, and educational materials. It is an encouraging increase over last year. Websites provide members with easy access to information. Larger Valleys often have the resources to maintain and monitor these websites in-house at reduced costs. Question 3 in the Membership Section of the Deputy Checklist above indicates that 68% of the Valleys polled would be interested in a generic website template to add to the Valleys communication toolbox. This equates to most Valleys without their own website showing interest in possibly acquiring one.

As the number of home computers, cell phones with email capability, tablets, etc. are becoming everyday items for most people, the use of a website template is becoming more important to maintain instant connection between Valley and member. Another area of interest that will be examined is the use of social media. Seventy percent of Valleys report that they use social media and 45% of their members contribute and communicate using one or more platforms. Again, timely communication or sometimes just plain old-fashioned fellowship and sharing of events, stories and pictures can be interesting and useful.

It is interesting to note that a few Valleys have acquired email programs such as Mailchimp, or similar email platforms that can target certain segments of the membership as required (such as a member of the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter or Consistory) with pertinent information in a timely manner. Some of the emails may be reminders of meetings, or access to communication letters from the Valley or Supreme Council. Although this may not be needed or wanted for every Valley, it gives another facet of simple and quick dissemination of news.

Newsletters appeal to a segment of our Scottish Rite membership and 58% of the Valleys produce one or more Valley newsletters annually. Newsletters are sent by regular mail or electronically and remain a very popular way to read about events, people and educational articles often written by their own Valley's members.

It is also encouraging that 98% of Valleys report that they are familiar with the Supreme Council's website. The Supreme Council website is a valuable resource. It includes a member-only section that offers additional information to our general membership. Access to areas such as reports and information from the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, great publications such as the Clarion and Communique, and use of the Scottish Rite Library section with insightful presentations that includes the educational and interesting Ex Libris videos are available.

Virtual platforms for business and executive meetings, as well as for educational purposes. They are particularly beneficial for members who cannot attend in person due to adverse weather conditions, distance, or age. Virtual meetings allow members to stay connected with their Valley from the comfort and safety of their homes. Additionally, virtual communication facilities may offer better coordination between degree directors, casts, and crew during the preparation of Degrees.

Comments from the Deputy Reports highlight the importance of continually improving communications. Every member will value their connection to the Valley and Supreme Council for receiving important news and updates.

Education & Enlightenment

A common statement that is heard from our Scottish Rite members is the “need for Education”. At the Valley level, Pre and Post Degree Explanations are being used (89%). There is much useful and concise information in the Pre and Post Explanations for the candidates, and these could be used as educational presentations for the candidates and members to better understand the essence of the degree. Playbills are still being used at the same level of 73%. These playbills provide a certain “professionalism” and insight to the background and moral lessons of the degree and will identify cast members if used.

Degree Music on the Scottish Rite website is also available, but many Valleys’ use their own musical talent. 30% of the Valleys responding take advantage of the music provided by Supreme Council to augment the degrees. There is much uplifting music that could easily be inserted into a degree to add to the experience.

Supreme Council has produced two degrees on a video format and Valleys can show the 6° and 8° to the membership in a tiled meeting for either degree conferral or education purposes. The Obligations and Secrets are to be communicated in person. This lends an opportunity to some Valleys that do not usually confer these degrees. The Supreme Council production team is currently working on the 16˚ and it will be completed in the near future.

The website provides valuable resources for research across various categories, particularly through the Education & Enlightenment section of the Supreme Council website, which is endorsed by 79% of the Valleys. Educational materials such as “The Lectures of the Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection” and “The Essence of the Degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix” are available to members who have attained their degrees in these respective bodies. These resources enable readers to explore the lectures at their own pace, fostering a deeper comprehension of the lessons associated with those degrees.

A key opportunity for any Valley is to form an Education Committee that oversees this important aspect of the journey through Scottish Rite. Currently 48% of the Valleys in Canada have a formal Education Committee. Some Valleys without a stated Education Committee report that there is continual education when the degree is conferred, or as an agenda item at a meeting. A formal committee to encourage the presentation of quality education will fill the need for the development of Scottish Rite Masons desire for knowledge.

To assist you with educational presentations or papers you may wish to write or read for your own education, the Library Section of the Supreme Council website has over 1000 books available on a USB stick for $25.00 available through Valley Secretaries. This is a fantastic resource for any member who wants to research numerous Masonic topics to further his education. There are also 43 excellent and informative videos called “Ex Libris” available on a large range of Masonic topics to be viewed at your convenience. You will find entertaining and educational presentations that will take you on a journey of several interesting subjects.

The following are some Education & Enlightenment comments and observations from the Deputy Reports:

- The Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry” PowerPoint presentation has been utilized in the past.
- Increasing the amount of education benefit of the members.
- A package is given to each new member upon completion of their 14th and their 18th Degree so they can read the Pre and Post Degree Explanation for each degree just witnessed, as well as those only communicated.
- Candidates continue to be provided with the booklets entitled ‘The Lectures of the Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection’ and ‘The Essence of the Degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix’; the E&E Committee Playbills are also being used by the Directors. Before each Degree, and before closing the Lodge/Chapter, the Pre and Post Degree Explanation Introduction and Summary are respectively given for the degree just conferred.
- Upon completion of their 14th and 18th Degree respectively, each new member receives a package containing the approved SC publications for both the Lodge of Perfection, and the Chapter of Rose Croix.

- Various music files available off the SC website which are in an mp3 format.
- Candidates are asked to prepare a mandatory reflection paper after every degree to be submitted before receiving the subsequent degree. The aim is to encourage them to revisit and analyze the degree.
- Deputy speeches at the end of meetings have a short 4–5-minute lecture on the deeper and esoteric aspects of the symbolism and philosophy of each degree.
- HIG's give several lectures and degree explanations and thus show active participation and a willingness to engage in discussion which supports engaged membership.
- Made use of the Education and Enlightenment information created by Supreme Council with links distributed to the membership by email.
- The 6th and 8th degree videos are in the plans to use as education for a regular meeting night in the future.
- An updated history of the Valley is in process and expected to be completed in the coming months. The Library site has been used by the Valley.
- The Orator of the Valley has a regular piece of education at every meeting which is well received.
- The 3rd Degree Team has remained actively engaged in its responsibilities and has formally requested that its involvement be limited to regular meetings.
- Providing access to the Sankey Lectures (facilitated by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario) for review after the initial presentation would allow members to revisit key insights, reinforcing the educational value of these sessions.

Provincial Deputy's Award

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation increased funding so each Valley can receive a $1,000 donation for qualifying individuals or organizations. Reporting Valleys indicate that 89% have utilized this program to support our community. This initiative highlights the positive impact of Scottish Rite Freemasonry of Canada across the jurisdiction. We thank the Provincial Deputies for promoting this program and making it successful again this year.

Recognition

On behalf of the committee, we are grateful to everyone who has provided information for this report. We wish to also thank the Active, Past Active, and Honorary Members of Supreme Council for the support of their Valleys and to Scottish Rite in general. Your leadership, zeal and dedication are very much needed and appreciated now more than ever.

We are very indebted and thankful to our Supreme Council Office for their guidance and advice: our Chief Operating Officer, Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°; Office Administrator, Ms. Leslie Drake; Administrative Assistant Mrs. Barb Lee; Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°; Grand Treasurer-General, Ill. Bro. Alan J. Stoddart, 33°; and Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°.

I also thank the Provincial Deputies listed below, who tirelessly work with their Valleys and offer their advice, expertise, and time to guide and assist Scottish Rite members far and wide. It has been my privilege to work with these eleven esteemed and respected Brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
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Report of the Special Committee On
COMMUNICATIONS

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

This report summarizes the key initiatives, progress, and challenges discussed in the Scottish Rite Communications Strategy Meetings held on February 5, 2025, and June 2, 2025.

I. Executive Summary

The committee is actively engaged in a comprehensive effort to modernize and standardize Scottish Rite's communication channels, branding, and digital presence. Key areas of focus include revitalizing publications, standardizing branding elements (logos, colours, fonts), overhauling the website, developing new digital assets, and enhancing social media engagement for marketing and recruitment. While significant progress has been made in design approvals and content planning, challenges remain, particularly concerning website functionality, privacy concerns with member directories, and the need for consistent brand standards.

II. Publications

The Scottish Rite utilizes two primary publications: *The Clarion* magazine and *The Communique* online publication.

A. Clarion Magazine

- **Status & Content:** The 2025 issue's main themes were the 150th anniversary and the 60th anniversary of the Charitable Foundation. Material that didn't fit into *The Clarion* was slated for *The Communique*.
- **Expansion & Quality:** The magazine expanded to 20 pages for the second consecutive year, a "milestone issue" with workflow, editing, and overall quality improvements. As noted, "The biggest challenge was what went in it and what didn't go in it. We went from 16 to 20 pages for the second year in a row. That's a really good thing because it makes the Communique so much easier."
- **Distribution:** Extra copies of Clarion are used in Craft Lodges as marketing tools for potential candidates, including Masons.

B. Communique Online Publication

- **Purpose & Focus:** This is a less formal online publication, distributed via the website, focusing more on local Valley activities and news.
- **Editorial Team:** Clive Stephenson and Gareth Taylor are co-editors. Roger Tummineri, who previously handled layout for about three years, is expected to return to his role as layout editor.
- **Timing:** Planned for release in the summer with material not used in *The Clarion* to be compiled within the next month or so.
- **"Communications Corner":** A new regular section is planned to provide updates on the communications committee's work and invite conversations, ideas, and feedback from members. Clive volunteered to write the first article for this section.
- **Next Steps:** Clive and Clarion committee will keep us posted on the plans for the 2026 issue.

III. Branding and Logos

A major focus of the committee is to establish consistent and modern branding across all Scottish Rite entities.

A. Eagle Logo

- **Status:** The new Scottish Rite eagle logo has been designed and implemented. A vector version is available, and versions with transparent backgrounds have been added to the website.

- **Issues:** Issues were reported in June 2025 with downloading the eagle logo from the website. This has since been resolved thanks to SC office.

B. Rose Croix Logo

- **Development:** Preliminary hand-drawn sketches began in January 2025. Early versions were rejected for being too simplified and lacking consistency with the Eagle logo.
- **Designer:** Patrick Kakala, who designed the SR logo, is also the designer for the Rose Croix logo.
- **New Design:** A new sketch presented in June 2025 was considered "dead on" and very similar in style to the Eagle. Design considerations include ensuring clarity of details (compass, pelican, rose, cross) for smaller/mobile formats and incorporating a similar crown with maple leaves as a unique identifier for Scottish Rite Canada. The new design has a better aspect ratio and imitates initial historical prints, avoiding disliked previous red colour choices. The Supreme Council's banner version of this logo was deemed "busy" and "amateur."
- **Next Steps:** Patrick to continue working on logo details.

C. Bear Logo

- **Update Suggestion:** A suggestion was made to also consider looking into updating the bear logo based on feedback.
- **Trademark & Copyright:** The bear logo is trademarked and copyrighted, meaning changes would require updating the trademark.
- **Next Steps:** Gareth to communicate the suggestion to the Foundation board and queue it for consideration.

D. Other Graphics

- Updates are planned for the Consistory, Lodge of Perfection, and 32nd Degree graphics, with a better reference found for the 32nd Degree graphics.

E. Colour Branding & Brand Standards

- **Colour Consistency:** While purple is used, there are 3-5 variations. The goal is to settle on one exact colour for branding standards by year-end. The Foundation previously used navy blue before converting to purple.
- **Lack of Standards:** The organization currently lacks brand standards, contributing to typeface variations. This will be addressed once logos are finalized, hopefully by year-end. Trajan Pro was noted as a past font, with a slight variation currently used. Different fonts for websites (sans serif and serif) are also considered.

IV. Website

The website is a critical area for improvement due to significant technical and structural issues.

A. Technical Issues

- **Crash & Backups:** The website crashed on January 24, 2025, due to insufficient memory from the hosting provider, revealing a lack of regular backups.
- **Hosting Provider:** The current provider is "super slow" and inadequate, with limited space, slow loading times, and additional charges for simple tasks. Users have experienced temporary access limitations/blocking due to the provider's firewall. The team will seek a better provider, similar to Mindpress used by Milan.
- **Versioning:** There is no versioning for uploaded files like logos, making it difficult for users to know if they have the newest version. It was suggested to ask the office to add versioning to the filenames.

B. Structure & Content

- **Outdated Design:** The current website structure is outdated, not mobile-friendly, and has a confusing navigation with two menus.

- **Navigation Sub-committee:** A sub-committee is planned to review and update the site navigation for user-friendliness.
- **Blog:** The blog is not actively updated.
- **Logo Access:** Logos are currently "buried" in the "active, past active and deputies" section of the members page, and a dedicated "members only, digital media assets" folder is proposed.
- **Analytics:** Google Analytics shows "a lot of hits" despite the website's performance issues.
- **New Website:** A new website is hoped for, with discussions about better information organization (e.g., a dedicated media section).

V. Digital Assets & Banners
The committee is developing new digital assets and updating physical banners.

A. New Digital Assets

- **Creation:** In response to requests from a younger demographic, new digital assets have been created, including phone wallpapers (Eagle logo), Teams/Zoom meeting backgrounds (logo/purple colour), and Facebook page graphics (customizable with Valley names).

- **Availability:** These are not yet on the website but will be shared via email and potentially by office. A dedicated "members only, digital media assets" folder on the website is planned.

B. Banners

- **Updates:** New banners featuring the updated eagle logo have been created. Banners will be updated with the new Rose Croix and Consistory logos once finalized.
- **Downloadable Graphics:** Members should have access to download new banner graphics for their own use. Current banners are not yet available for download on the website.
- **Replacement Policy:** Existing banners with the old logo will not be forced to be replaced unless a Valley has the budget. New banners cost around $200 each.
- **Printing:** The Supreme Council uses a print shop in Peterborough that can print and ship across Canada at a reasonable price, but Valleys are not required to use it.

- **Learning Centre Banner:** An "non-official looking" Learning Centre banner was noted in Barrie. Discussion about creating an official one is planned with Richard Jones of the Foundation, who is also working on patenting/copyrighting and branding guidelines. The Foundation has its own vector banner with QR codes.

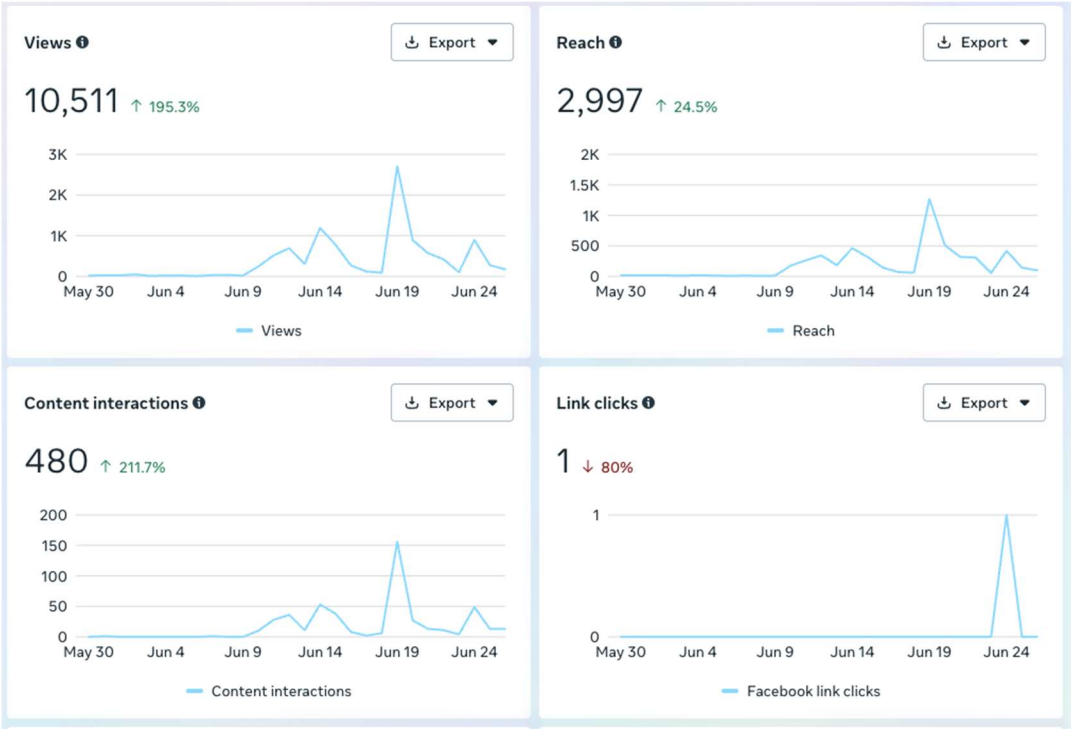
VI. Brochures
Efforts are underway to update recruitment brochures targeting Master Masons.

- **Purpose:** To be used for recruitment of Master Masons.
- **Content Planning:** A Google Doc will be created to plan content, focusing on modernizing the brochure, adding relevant imagery (e.g., degree cast), and clarifying next steps for potential members, such as petitioning.
- **Application Form:** An existing online application form is "buried" on the website, and the team plans to move its link higher for improved visibility.
- **Distribution:** Secretaries can print brochures from home.
- **Timeline:** Aim to finalize new brochure content and design within 3-4 months (from February 2025). Brainstorming started post-February, with a goal to have content for committee review by October/November. Gareth and Doug are leading content finalization.

VII. Social Media
Social media is viewed as a crucial marketing and engagement tool.

- **Platforms:** Primarily Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/scottishritecanada), with posts automatically shared to Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/scottishritecanada & https://www.facebook.com/scottishritecharitablefoundation).
- **Content:** Condensed articles/images from *The Clarion* and *Communique*, days of significance, and content supplied by members from different Valleys. Examples include golf tournaments, barbecues, SR installations, Deputy Awards, Dyslexia Centres, and Master Mason degree team events.
- **Success & Engagement:** Posts with images have seen success (e.g., 42 likes). The goal is to increase posting frequency, explore paid advertising, and engage with Valleys for increased reach.
- **Followers & Reach:** Currently 3,000 followers. The Instagram page saw 2,800 views in 30 days, with **33% from non-followers**, indicating effective "free advertising."
- **Content Sourcing:** Barrie and Toronto Valley are primary content sources. Photos with captions are requested from all Valleys, both for historical purposes and marketing as we don't want to be promoting only Toronto and Barrie exclusively. Milan prefers direct submissions over scraping from Valley Facebook pages.
- **Cross-Pollination:** Content is being cross-pollinated, with Valley member posts appearing on the Grand Lodge of Ontario Mason's website.
- **Valley Spotlights:** The team aims to showcase individual Valleys and their history.
- **Access & Scheduling:** Committee members can gain access to the Instagram account. A scheduling platform (e.g., Hootsuite) was discussed, though free versions are platform-limited.
- **Content Suggestions:** Interviews with Supreme Council or committee members.

Facebook



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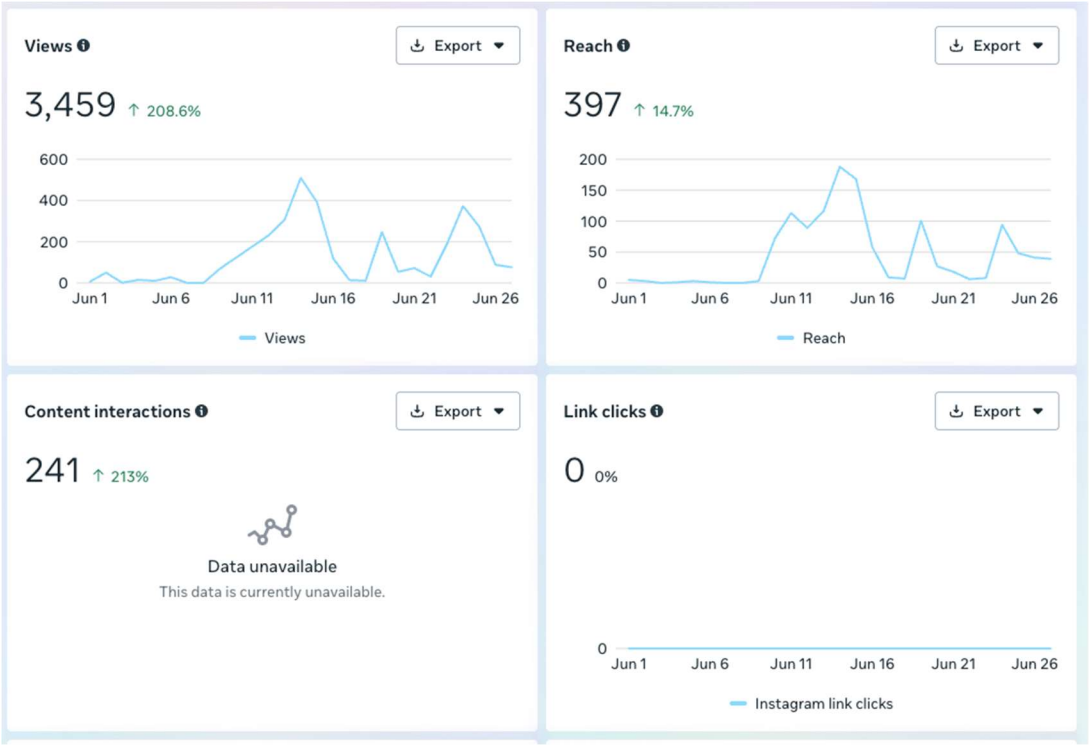

VIII. Valley Directory

- **Content:** Created by each Valley, including contact information for officers, members, committees, and significant others, along with meeting dates.
- **Distribution:** Printed and handed out to members (not electronic).
- **Update Frequency:** Updated annually (2024-2025 edition current).
- **Privacy Concerns:** Some members raised privacy concerns regarding personal information inclusion. The legality and validity of these concerns are still under review.

IX. General Observations & Tools

- **Commitment:** Clear commitment to improving communication and branding efforts.
- **Proactivity:** Proactive in identifying challenges and brainstorming solutions.
- **Technology Use:** Willingness to leverage technology and social media to reach broader audiences.
- **Branding Consistency:** Desire to be consistent in branding across all Valleys and publications.
- **Balance:** Sensitivity to balancing tradition with modern methods.
- **Notebook LM:** A demo was impressive, successfully used to pick the June 2nd meeting date, acting as an "amazing assistant." A full demo for the group is planned. If interested, please see audio podcast generated from this report: https://notebooklm.google.com/notebook/5d46de4c-182d-486d-b8c0-0448b3a7958b/audio

X. Key Action Items & Follow-ups (as of June 2, 2025)

- **Milan:** Follow up with the SC office for transparent background logo files (completed); Create living doc for brochure content (https://www.figma.com/board/NC6TzwQ0Kg03J2QuGcK4Pv/SR-Brochure-Update?node-id=0-1&t=P30HrY3yVtMISvQZ-1); Share scan of existing brochure (see previous link); Email Instagram access details; Share new digital assets via email; Ask office to post out new digital assets if approved.
- **Clive:** Write first "Communications Corner" article for *The Communique*.
- **Doug:** Contribute to brochure content and social media; Contact Ken Adamson or Steve to arrange a new headquarters photo.
- **Gareth:** Follow up with Clive regarding *Clarion* updates; Contact Roger about his return to *Communique* layout; Communicate bear logo update suggestion to Foundation board; Finalize brochure content.
- **Communications Committee:** Discuss website navigation and create sub-committee; Investigate alternative website hosting; Decide on how to communicate pending change to Valley logos; Investigate legality concerns of Valley directory.
- **Patrick (Designer):** Continue working on Rose Croix logo details.
- **All Valleys:** Send photos with captions for social media posts to Doug or Milan.
- **General:** Schedule Notebook LM demo for the full group; Resolve website download issues for Eagle logo; Improve website hosting and organization; Ask office to implement versioning or notes for uploaded files; Finalize brand standards and exact colours by year-end; Update banners with new Rose Croix and Consistory logos once finalized; Discuss creation of official Learning Centre banner with Richard Jones and Foundation; Continue showcasing Valleys and their stories on social media.

XI. Conclusion

Overall, the committee demonstrates a clear commitment to improving communication and branding efforts, proactively identifying challenges and brainstorming solutions. There is a strong willingness to leverage technology and social media to reach broader audiences, balancing tradition with modern methods to ensure consistent branding across all Scottish Rite entities and publications. The strategic use of tools like Notebook LM for meeting scheduling also highlights the committee's embrace of technological assistance. The ongoing initiatives underscore a dedicated drive towards a more unified, accessible, and modern public image for the Scottish Rite.

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Report of the Special Committee On
DeMOLAY, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren.

At present there are no DeMolay chapters operating in the Atlantic Provinces and the jurisdiction, while still active, is only an administrative body.

The Committee on DeMolay – Leadership Development has recommended to Supreme Council that the yearly budget of $1,500.00 be allocated to DeMolay Canada to be used at their discretion for attendance of the members to *DeMolay Leadership Conferences.*

The Key Man Conference (KMC) in PA, USA is an example of the Leadership Training available to the aspiring DeMolay. They have trained thousands of new DeMolays, Chapter Officers, Jurisdictional Officers and Advisors from all over the USA and Canada. They have the opportunity to get real, in-depth DeMolay training in their choice of a Major course study, such as Membership and Brotherhood, Leadership and Chapter Operations, Ritual and Performance, and more. The work culminates in development and presentation of a final project, demonstrating the knowledge and experience the participants gained.

The motto of the Key Man University, *Ancora Imparo* means “I am still learning.”
The important lesson of Key Man University is that we are all still learning in some capacity, whether in our Chapters, on the job, at home, or otherwise. *Ancora Imparo* fits well with the purpose of DeMolay, and with the spirit of the Key Man University. What have you learned today?

There are 8 conferences held across the US. A number of the Alberta DeMolay have attended the Pacific Coast conference in Northern California.

Respectfully submitted.
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Report of the Special Committee On
EDUCATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren.

"The mission statement for the Education & Enlightenment Special Committee of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada is to provide a comprehensive and cohesive collection of Masonic educational tools to be published on our website and to be utilized in AASR Valley meetings and instructional workshops throughout Canada. The standardization of the valuable lessons, history and principles of our Rite will strengthen our communication and increase its availability to all members of our jurisdiction."

The Education & Enlightenment Committee was formed in 2015 following the Annual Session held in Windsor, Ontario. Sovereign Grand Commander Terry A. McLean created this special committee to

complement the existing Supreme Council initiatives of Communication, Leadership, and Membership. This was in answer to a clear demand for increased education by our membership.

Since its inception, the committee has created various programs and initiatives for the benefit of our membership. These include:

- The establishment of an Education & Enlightenment section on the website of Supreme Council
- Pre and Post Degree Explanations for all degrees
- Playbills for all degrees
- A recently updated power point presentation entitled 'Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry'
- Music for all degrees
- A large number of video files
- Two research books by Ill. Bro. Roderick Jones, 33°, entitled 'Stone and Mortar' and 'Trowel and Sword'
- A 'Symbol Analysis' created by members of the committee examining the 4th Degree 'The Ascent up The Mountain Of Truth' and the 5th Degree 'Three Circles encircling a Cube on the Crossed Columns'
- Degree Discoveries for the 4-14 Degrees
- A National Virtual Education webinar
- The development of a Resource List as a guide for Masonic reading and research

All of this material is available on the website of Supreme Council, either in the E&E section or in the Members section.

There is a significant amount of educational material available in the E&E section on a broad range of topics, suitable for personal education or for use in a group education setting;

The Pre and Post Degree Explanations can be utilized in conjunction with the conferral of degrees, or as a take away handout;

The Playbills are a colourful handout containing information about the degree, apron, collar, and symbols along with space for a cast list;

The Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry power point is an explanation about Scottish Rite and the SRCF suitable for use in Craft Lodges or at Masons Day events;

As many Valleys no longer have an organist, music for all degrees is available to enhance the experience at our meetings;

A large number of videos are available, including the Ex Libris series by Ill. Bro. Evan Woodhead, 33º, a member of this committee;

For those looking for a more in-depth examination of Scottish Rite, the research books by Ill. Bro. Jones, the Symbol Analysis, and the Degree Discoveries all provide an opportunity for members to investigate;

And finally, the very successful 2023 and 2024 National Virtual Education webinars will carry on as an annual event.

Initiatives currently underway include:

- An ongoing initiative is the compilation of Valley Histories, several of which are now available on the website of Supreme Council
- Follow up with Valleys regarding the use of the Degree Discoveries 4-14
- Work is near completion on Degree Discoveries for the Rose Croix Degrees 15-18

- A longer-term goal will be the creation of a booklet of 3-5 minute articles on various topics for educational opportunities

In summary, the Education & Enlightenment Committee is committed to continuing to strive to enhance the Scottish Rite experience for our members. On a personal note, I would like to thank all members of the committee for their dedication and hard work, and also to the SGC and Supreme Council for their willing assistance with this committee. In particular I would express my thanks and gratitude to Stephen Godfrey and Donald Thornton, who retired from the committee this year, for their many contributions since the creation of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Brethour, 33° (Chairman-Barrie)
Matthew Clark, 33° (Victoria)
Gordon Greasley, 33° (Winnipeg)
Cory Imppola, 32° (Edmonton)
Michael Millard, 33° (North Bay)
John Revell, 33° (Windsor)
Jacques Ruelland, 33° (Montreal)
Joe Angel, 33° (Saskatoon)
Timothy Edwards, 33° (Toronto)
David Hooper, 33° (Charlottetown)
D. Brent Julian, 33° (Niagara)
Paul Miller, 33° (St. John's)
Scott Rowe, 33° (Barrie)
H. Evan Woodhead, 33° (Hamilton)

Report of the Special Committee On
LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

It is our privilege to present this annual report for 2024-25.

Introduction

As a reminder, the Supreme Council Library now operates as a Reference Library, with an emphasis on outreach through electronic media. Rather than a book lending program, we are focused on producing electronic content relating to the library, which the Supreme Council office posts on a public web page: https://scottishritecanada.ca/library/. We hope that in this way the library can provide value to our members throughout the jurisdiction. Our full catalogue is also on the website and physical access to the collection is available to any member of the Rite by appointment. In addition, we will arrange appropriate access to support reasonable research projects by other researchers (Freemasons or not).

Activities and Accomplishments This Year

As of this writing there are 43 *Ex Libris* video segments posted on the website, with 2 completed and waiting to be posted, and approximately 10 more in various stages of development. Awareness of the videos continues to increase, and feedback indicates that Episode 24 (*Making Good Men Better*) and Episode 39 (*Masonic Charity*) are proving particularly popular with a wide audience.

Last year we began producing a series of short (~5 minutes) videos, each of which has a companion Reading List for those who wish to explore the topic in more detail. We are anxious to have feedback on whether this format is serving the audience better than the previous approach which featured longer episodes with no supporting documentation.

We now have 11 Reading Lists posted (with 2 more pending release) on specific Masonic topics through the Supreme Council website. Reading Lists 6 through 11 are paired with Ex Libris video episodes as described above.

This year we conducted a review of the books in the library and removed duplicates. This served to reduce the weight load on the ceiling of the Supreme Council office, and freed up shelf space which was becoming very tight.

It has been our pleasure this year to assist several committees and individuals by sourcing historical material to support their research and Masonic Education efforts.

Cross-participation with other committees, especially the Education and Enlightenment Committee, continues to prove very effective. The deep expertise of E&E members has been extremely helpful in the development of recent videos and reading lists.

Donation Received
During the summer, Ill. Bro. Gordon H. Stuart, 33°, donated a large collection of books to the Supreme Council library. We appreciate his generosity and will be evaluating these books to identify those that will fill gaps in our collection or might replace books in poor condition. Duplicate books, as per our normal practice, will be donated to other Masonic libraries to help ensure the availability of these volumes to as many interested Masons as possible.
Thank you, Gordon!

Fund-Raisers
Both the e-Library and the regalia case are still proving popular, particularly when we offer them for sale in venues where Scottish Rite Masons gather in large numbers. They are available for Valley Secretaries to order through the Supreme Council office.

Plan for the Next Year
During the next year the committee plans to continue cataloguing new books in the library, and producing electronic material for publication via the website, including new Ex Libris videos and additional Reading Lists. We will also resume efforts to protect the most unique and valuable items in the collection from fire and water damage.

We are hoping to add a new page to the website, where you will be able to download books of Scottish Rite interest, and are now working to collect suitable books in electronic format. We also plan to conduct an assessment of our programs based on the “Library and Archives Maturity Matrix” and consider plans for improvement based on the results. For further details on this assessment matrix please see the article published in the Summer 2025 issue of *The Plumbline* by the Scottish Rite Research Society.

In Conclusion
Once again, we are grateful to the Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°, and the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, both of whom have been active supporters and promoters of our program.

And as always, we are most appreciative of Ill. Bro. Steven E. Warren, 33°, and Ms. Leslie Drake for their support throughout the year, for maintaining the library page on the Supreme Council website, as well as for the positive and encouraging atmosphere they maintain. It is always a pleasure to work with them.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. Evan Woodhead, 33°, Chairman
Thomas A. Wills, 33° D. Brent Julian, 33° Gareth R. Taylor, 33°

Report of the Special Committee On
THE CLARION

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Another year and we believe, another successful edition of the Clarion magazine this past Winter.

As in past years, the Clarion committee received a variety of excellent articles to illustrate the healthy nature of our Rite. The Committee would like to acknowledge the contributions of those who took the time to submit articles and tell the story of the Rite in Canada; without their input, we would not have a Clarion publication. However, given two important milestones this year; these being the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council and the 60th Anniversary of the Scottish Charitable Foundation, the focus of articles included in the edition was slanted towards these events. We actually had more articles this year than we could put in the Winter edition, but given the topic focus and that these "extra" articles are of high quality, the intent is to include these in the upcoming late summer edition of the Communique.

Appreciation goes out to the editorial board, the production team and to the un-wavering support of Supreme Council and in particular our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. David Bennett, 33°, and the new President of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, Ill. Bro. Richard E. Jones, 33°.

Once again, I want to highlight the efforts of the Clarion "team" and the commendable positive interactions between the members of that team. The team members bring different skill sets and approaches to the editing and production process and all of these are important in ensuring the overall quality of the final product.

Every year the Clarion weathers the storm of pressure put on in distributing it to our members in a timely fashion, and this year saw one of the most challenging events, the Canada Post mail strike. The decision had been made prior to this to have the distribution in early January, thus side-stepping somewhat the pressures of the Christmas season, but the mail strike added a great deal of uncertainty to the distribution plans. That being said, the fates smiled on us, and this year's issues was once again distributed over an acceptable timeline. It is however interesting to note that our mail system seems to misplace certain copies, resulting in some anomalies in the distribution tracking timeline.

The Supreme Council Session in Ottawa in September of 2024, which was the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council, was well reported in your Clarion this year, and thus fitting for such an important and once-in-a-lifetime event. I think the articles submitted regarding the event itself, and associated celebratory events in the various Valleys. gave appropriate emphasis to the importance of this event in the history of Supreme Council.

In addition, it was appropriate that the 60th Anniversary of our Charitable Foundation should share the main billing in this year's Clarion edition. Sixty years of giving in the form of research grants and support for Learning Centres is a milestone all of us should be proud of. The articles served to highlight the considerable amount of work and dedication by our members for this cause in the past and which continues today.

Your Clarion Committee would like to encourage every member of the Rite to consider contributing to *your* magazine. Look around your Valley and tell the good stories we know exist. This will serve to promote your Valley and thereby promote our beloved Rite.

As Editor-in-Chief of the Clarion, it continues to be both an honour and a privilege to serve Supreme Council and our membership in this capacity and I look forward to the challenges ahead, safe in the knowledge that the "Clarion Team" will, as they always do, get the job done.

Respectively Submitted on behalf of the Scottish Rite Clarion Team

Clive D. Stephenson, 33°,
Editor-in-Chief, Clarion Magazine

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Report of the Special Committee On
THE COMMUNIQUÉ

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The focus of the Committee is the production and circulation of the *Communiqué* as a way of providing additional and timely information to the Brethren across the country.

This year's edition included articles on Valley events recognizing the 150th Anniversary of Supreme Council, long service recognition of Members and other notable Valley events and as well as activities supporting the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation such as Provincial Deputy Awards and the Learning Centre Programs. We are very appreciative of all of the articles submitted from across the country for this edition which we hope made for interesting reading.

The Summer 2025 edition of the Communiqué was circulated to the Actives/Past Actives and Valley Grand Secretaries/Registrars in August. We would like to thank the Grand Secretaries/Registrars for distributing the Communiqué to the members of their respective Valleys.

The Committee would like to thank Ill. Bro. David A. Bennett, 33°, for his support, encouragement and suggestions for the *Communiqué*.

Respectfully submitted,
Gareth R. Taylor, 33°, Chairman
Clive D. Stephenson, 33°, Co-Chairman

David J. Boyd, 33°	Milan Cobanov, 33°
Roger Tumminieri, 32°	L. Craig Wolverton, 33°

Report of the Special Committee On
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren.

Upon review of the Proceedings of the 150th Annual Executive Session held September 11-14, 2024, the following items of unfinished business were noted.

1. Page 30: Ill. Bro. Doug Easton requested that a special committee be struck to look at a process for Valleys with Life Membership Trust Funds to deal with a significantly decreased surplus following the adoption of the proposed new Actuarial Tables in Reg. 10.2 and 10.3 of the Statutes and Regulations which were adopted (page 41). The Grand Treasurer-General was in complete agreement with him.

   In the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation (page 38), Chairman, Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson reiterated that something needs to be done to help Valleys with Life Membership deal with the issue.

2. In the Report of the Standing Committee on Audit and Finance, there is a recommendation from the Committee (top of page 63) that, going forward, "the Supreme Council principal officers should submit detailed expense reports up to the limits of the budget to the Audit and Finance Committee for review."

   There was some discussion with the Grand Secretary-General regarding whether this should be "up to the limits of the budget" or "over the limits of the budget". However, the basic recommendation for detailed expense reports is still there. This warrants a follow up report as to whether this recommendation has been adopted and will be standard practice.

3. In the Report of the Standing Committee on Audit and Finance, there are four recommendations from the Committee (bottom of page 63 and top of page 64) to alleviate the backlog of filing of the annual Valley AF reports. All of these recommendations require action by the Audit and Finance Committee. This warrants a follow up report at the next Annual Session of Supreme Council.

4. On page 77, the Grand Secretary-General made a motion, seconded by Tom Wills, for the next two annual sessions of Supreme Council (as to dates, locations and type). If the transcript in the printed proceedings is accurate, there was no vote taken on this motion.

5. On page 78 (at the top) in the Report from the Deputies meeting by Ill. Bro. Allan Long, regarding the Special Committee on the Nomination of Officers, a recommendation was made that the Sovereign Grand Commander, in his selection of the committee members, include at least one Deputy and another Active Member who is not a senior officer of the Supreme Council. This recommendation should be addressed by the Sovereign Grand Commander.

This Committee wishes to acknowledge the tremendous work and dedication of the members of the many committees that spearhead the efforts and programs of Supreme Council to provide leadership and benefits to all members of the Scottish Rite. Many of those projects take considerable time, research and final implementation efforts.

The members of this Committee wish to thank the Sovereign Grand Commander for entrusting us with this task.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Hannah, 33°, Chairman
Marvin L. Munro, 33° Karl E. Springer, 33°

SGC: Grand Secretary-General, do you have any information with regards to the next annual session?

GSG: Sovereign Grand Commander, the next Full Annual Session will be hosted by the Valley of Hamilton at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, Hamilton Convention Centre, and Scottish Rite in Hamilton, Ontario.

Vesper Service Thursday, September 17, 2026
Formal Opening Thursday, September 17, 2026
Chain of Union Saturday, September 19, 2026

SGC: I will now turn the meeting over to Immediate Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Robert Whitmore.

PSGC Whitmore: Sovereign Grand Commander, we will be pleased to receive your allocution at this time.

ALLOCUTION to follow on page 76

After the Allocution

PSGC Whitmore: Thank you very much Sovereign Grand Commander. You can't hear the applause, but we can see it. Many on this call have had the, I'll say privilege and or duty, to prepare an allocution, whether it be for Supreme Council or for Grand Lodge, and I think we can all appreciate that it's not easy to condense a year's worth of activities into one allocution, and we thank you for your presentation.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Matthew Todd, 33°, and Orlan Weber, 33°, that pursuant to Art. 22 (t) to confirm the actions of the Sovereign Grand Commander to approve the use of the Scottish Rite Eagle logo by the Valley of Peterborough, be confirmed.

Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. That motion is carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Matthew Todd, 33°, and Orlan Weber, 33°, that pursuant to Art. 22 (t) to confirm the actions of the Sovereign Grand Commander to approve the use of the Scottish Rite Eagle logo by the Valley of London, be confirmed.

Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. That motion is carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Matthew Todd, 33°, and Orlan Weber, 33°, that pursuant to Art. 22 (t) to confirm the actions of the Sovereign Grand Commander to approve the use of the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix logos by the Valley of Peterborough, be confirmed.

Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. That motion is carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Matthew Todd, 33°, and Orlan Weber, 33°, that pursuant to Art. 22 (t) to confirm the actions of the Sovereign Grand Commander to approve the use of the Scottish Rite Eagle logo by the Valley of Peterborough, be confirmed.

Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. That motion is carried.

ON MOTION duly made and seconded by Ill. Bros. Matthew Todd, 33°, and Orlan Weber, 33° that pursuant to Art. 22 (s) that the allocution be received with appreciation and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation.

Brethren, you've heard the motion. Is there any discussion? Active members, please indicate if you oppose the motion. That motion is carried.

Brethren, a printed copy of the full Allocution will be mailed to all Active and Past Active Members following today's call. It will also be included in the Annual Proceedings which will be distributed November 28th.

I will now return the gavel to the Sovereign Grand Commander.

SGC: I will now call on Ill. Bro. Brian Gilkinson, for the addendum to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation regarding the Allocution.

Jurisprudence and Legislation Report ~ Part II

Part II of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Legislation

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

Pursuant to ART. 22 (s) of the Statutes and Regulations, your committee has reviewed the Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander presented to this 151st Annual Session of Supreme Council and now reports on its contents, covering the third year of his quadrennial term of office.

The Sovereign Grand Commander's opening admonition to be mindful of the core initiatives of Supreme Council and to take the opportunity to read the reports presented to it is a useful reminder for each of us to keep current with developments in our Scottish Rite.

The reality that education is a life-long process and that labour is the lot of man and Mason is undeniable as we read Ill. Bennett's remarks in the Necrology. The life of Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Harold Edward Crosby, 33°, is a time capsule of great accomplishment over most of the century following his birth in 1926. His contributions to his church, to the arts, to business and community endeavours are staggering and deserving of the attention Ill. Bro. Bennett accords them in his Allocution. Ill. Bro. Crosby was a builder in every sense of the word, the epitome of circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind. His Masonic career commenced before many of our present grey-haired members were born and his contributions to his Craft Lodges, Grand Lodge, to our Scottish Rite and to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation are awe inspiring. The fact that he was still active and contributing on the eve of his passing is truly exceptional.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander's remarks concerning Past Active Members Ill. Bro. Richard David Quinton, 33°, Ill. Bro. Thomas Edward Lewis, 33°, Ill. Bro. James Gerard Finch, 33°, Ill. Bro. Rozin Daniel Iwanicki, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Gerald Allister Chaulk, 33°, are heartfelt and appreciated. They comprise an exemplary record of service and accomplishment, beacon lights for those seeking a life of significant contribution for the welfare of the Rite and the communities in which they live. Each of us knew these brethren. In sharing our recollections of them we celebrate them.

The passing of Ill. Bro. Chandrakant Jamnadas Kania, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Lester Bowering, 32°, both recipients of the John Ross Matheson Award, as noted by our Sovereign Grand Commander, is a time to

express condolences to family and friends but also an opportunity to realize that there are many ways to make valuable contributions to our society and to our fraternity. The Valleys of Windsor and St. John's, as well as their surrounding communities, are better off for their lives and contributions.

The same may be said about the Honorary Inspectors-General who have passed. Ill. Bro. Bennett has quite properly commended their obituaries, to be included in the Proceedings, to our attention. Obituaries of lives well lived provide flashes of inspiration that often drive pro-social activity. Reading them is an act of fundamental respect.

The Sovereign Grand Commander underscores the world-wide nature of our Scottish Rite fraternity in expressing condolences of our Supreme Council on the passing of Past Sovereign Grand Commander Marek Brzezinski, 33°, to the brethren of the Supreme Council of Poland and to their family and friends. Recognition of the Scottish Rite status of Sovereign Grand Master Walter Schwartz, 33°, by the extension of condolences to members of the Grand Lodge of Demark, along with his family and friends, exemplifies the brotherhood of all Masons wheresoever situated.

This expression of brotherhood continued with condolences extended to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario on the passing of M. W. Bro. Patrick Davis, Grand Master and P.G.M., M. W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw respectively.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander's inclusion of the deaths of family members of our Supreme Council brethren is an act of recognition that we often perform our duties to the Rite with their support and sometimes while carrying the burden of their loss. Your committee joins Ill. Bro. Bennett in extending condolences to our brethren who have suffered such loss.

The Allocution lists over forty instances where dispensations were issued by either the Sovereign Grand Commander or Deputies to permit activities that involved departures from standard practice or requests to hold special events. These are all opportunities to learn, at a glance, what required this relief or permitted an activity deemed to be beneficial to the Rite.

Your committee commends the Sovereign Grand Commander in highlighting once again the by-law approval process that allows for a preliminary review of proposed changes before a final application to amend by-laws is submitted. These preliminary reviews, first by the Deputies and then by this committee are designed to assist Valleys in navigating this process as easily as possible.

Your committee, indeed all of us, join the Sovereign Grand Commander in congratulating Ill. Bro. Brett Rakuson, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Alan Tomlins, 32°, both of the Valley of Castlegar/Nelson on becoming the Rite's latest recipients of the John Ross Matheson Award.

Ill. Bro. Bennett informs us that he has made over one hundred and forty Official Visits or attendances in the preceding year. This, by any measure, is a significant workload to discharge in representing his office and this Scottish Rite. We join you in congratulating him on his efforts on our behalf. This activity can only lead to speculation about what he does in his spare time.

The truth that the administrative activity of the Scottish Rite depends on many hands discharging heavy work is revealed by his remarks of appreciation to the Provincial Deputies on behalf of himself, the Lieutenant Grand Commander, Grand Secretary-General, Chief Operating Officer, Office & Finance Administrator and Office Administrator. Deputies are representatives of Supreme Council.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander noted with pleasure continued increases in the funding of research into puzzles of the mind under the leadership of Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°. A Scottish Rite Learning Centre Conference took place in Hamilton, Ontario. Ill. Bro. Bennett participated in the conference and was very impressed with the exchange of knowledge regarding matters of mutual concern to the Learning Centres. His congratulations to Ill. Bro. Bill Cave, 33°, the Executive Director of the Scottish Rite Learning Centres,

was well deserved.

Our Sovereign Grand Commander understands the importance of technology and its central role in achieving positive impacts on administrative activities and in the education of the membership. The "official" Crowning of Ill. Bro. Fayez Oustwani, 33°, as a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General and his appointment as Deputy for the Province of Quebec illustrated the use of technology to get the job done in unusual circumstances. The Crowning of Ill. Bro. Adrian Cretu, 33°, and Ill. Bro. David Boyd, 33°, and the investiture of Ill. Bro. Kent Clarke, 33°, are significant milestones in their Masonic lives and in the life of our Rite as they contribute to the next era of Scottish Rite Masonry. The importance Ill. Bro. Bennett places on education is stressed by his continual reference to the websites of both the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation and the Scottish Rite. These are major conduits to a member's personal research activities. Each represents a wealth of information and enlightenment, the use of which makes for a better-informed Scottish Rite Mason and a stronger Scottish Rite. His comments concerning the favourable opinion of our Scottish Rite website by other Scottish Rite jurisdictions at the XXI World Conference of Supreme Councils is a reminder that we too should see the value of regular visits to the website.

His positive encouragement for the work of Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, with the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership, the work of the Education and Enlightenment Committee under the Chairmanship of Ill. Bro. Bob Brethour, 33°, and the work entailed in production of the Clarion and Communique, all reflect the positive outlook of the man with a bird's eye view of the Rite and its operations.

His appreciation expressed to the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Thomas Wills, 33°, Office and Finance Administrator, Leslie Drake and Office Administrator, Barb Lee, as well as the Provincial Deputies, the Advisory Council, Committee Chairmen and Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General reveals a clear realization that great things are created by teamwork. That teamwork should occur at all levels of our Rite and it should receive the same recognition that Ill. Bro. Bennett has bestowed on us. Congratulations Sovereign Grand Commander on another excellent year of leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian W. Gilkinson, Chairman

Steve E. Warren — Jeffrey R. Dickson
Stephen G. Hannah — Donald D. Thornton

ON MOTION duly moved and seconded by Ill. Bros. Brian Gilkinson, 33° and Tom Wills, 33°, that Part II of the Report be received and accepted.

SGC: Brethren, you've heard the motion made and seconded. Active Member please indicate if you oppose the motion. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

Well, brethren, that brings a conclusion to our Executive Session, by way of Zoom this year. I thank you very much for your attendance, for your time, for your leadership, and your participation.

In addition to trips, which I hope to make relatively soon to honour our new John Ross Matheson Award recipients, I will be in the following areas if any of you will be able to attend with me, that would be fantastic. I have official visits during September and October, beginning in Vancouver, Fraser Valley, followed by Kamloops, then to Prince George. I will then go to Sydney, Nova Scotia. After Thanksgiving, I will be in Moncton for the visitations of the Valleys of Moncton, Fredericton, and Saint John. Later in October, I will be in Sarnia, and then a fraternal visit to the Valley of Toronto for a speaking engagement there on November 1st.

I look forward to all of my future visits, and if not before, seeing each one of you in Hamilton at our full sessions next September.

Continue to support your Craft lodges and your respective Valleys in our beloved Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

With that, I bid you a good afternoon, and for some, a good morning, as you will be having lunch soon, and I look forward to seeing you all. Thank you once again. My heartfelt thanks to each one of you.

SRCF President's Report

As printed in the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Annual Report 2024-2025

This year marks the first year with a new president for the Foundation. We must take a moment to express our sincere appreciation to Ill. Bro. Gareth Taylor, 33°, for his tutelage and stewardship of the Foundation over 9 challenging years. The strong financial position, the incredible learning centre program and the Deputy's awards are all significantly better for Gareth's leadership. Gareth remains a member of the Board, contributing to the Grants and Awards program in support of Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, Chair of this Committee. As the new President, I am very grateful for Gareth's mentorship.

This year, the Foundation activities increased again in our second-year post-pandemic. The Deputy's Award program remains popular, though not all Valleys participated. The Investment Committee adapted well to market volatility, the Learning Centre Program is expanding again, and research grants now benefit from the new funding model.

During recent market dynamics, the Board adjusted investment strategies to ensure the Foundation can meet future Disbursement Quota requirements. Building on the success of the 60th Anniversary Grants to the nine Learning Centres, the Foundation has launched an annual grant program to help these centres maintain sustainable, high-quality programs across Canada.

Ill. Bro. William Cave, 33°, the new Executive Director of the Learning Centre Program, has begun his first year by attending each Learning Centre across Canada last fall. He was well received and had the opportunity to learn of the many challenges and successes experienced by each Learning Centre. We welcomed a new Satellite Centre in Truro, NS and will see a new Satellite Centre in St. Catharines, Ontario this fall. In June, the first national conference for the Learning Centre program took place in Hamilton after several years absence. The event was a resounding success with many new learnings, ongoing work plans and new or refreshed personal connections.

The Foundation is undertaking the production of a promotional and educational video intended for use across all Valleys and Learning Centres. This resource will clearly articulate to Masons, Scottish Rite members, and the public the key priorities of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation, highlighting its commitment to advancing solutions for complex neurological challenges in its mission to improve lives.

The Bear Logo Trademark had recently expired, and this year saw the establishment of two new Trademarks for the Bear Logos. These include one Trademark each for the colorized and non-colourized versions of the Bear and several use cases each that ensure the logo is authorized for a range of uses in alignment with the objectives of the Learning Centre Program and the Foundation.

Research grants now provide each of five new researchers with $60,000 annually for three years. Ill. Bro. Joseph Angel, 33°, has begun to build a library detailing the supported research projects and the corresponding publications arising from the grants. We are grateful to Joseph for taking on this work, that the Foundation will be able to show the significant contributions the research grants have made in improving clinical and scientific understanding of the Puzzles of the Mind.

There are two Board members who are completing terms of office this year, and we will be nominating and electing two new members this September for their successors. We are very grateful for the dedication and service of Ill. Bro. Gary R. Cayen, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Dr. John M. Forster, 33°.

The 2024 Edition of The Clarion focused on the 60th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. Our sincere gratitude to Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson, 33°, and his Editorial team for such a successful edition marking this important milestone.

In closing, I wish to extend on behalf of the Board to all Scottish Rite members who have donated to the Foundation this past year our sincere appreciation for continuing to contribute to the important work of the Foundation. There have been 19 new Foundation Fellowships awarded since January 2025.

We extend a sincere thank you to all those who volunteer their time and talent working on behalf of the Foundation and its programs. These people include the Directors, Officers, Committee Chairs, Learning Centre Directors, Learning Centre Tutors and Volunteers, Valley Representatives and the Foundation Office Staff for their work as we strive to solve the Puzzles of the Mind.

We encourage you to visit the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation web site www.srcf.ca to learn more about the Foundation and its programs.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." ~ Helen Keller

Richard E. Jones, RPh, FACHE(r)
President

Allocution of the Sovereign Grand Commander
147th Annual Session ~ Executive Session

Peers and Brethren:

I am pleased to present you with my third allocution, directed under Article 22(s) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

The Supreme Council of Canada continues to focus its attention on the key components of Leadership, Membership, Communication, and Education. Through the efforts of dedicated members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, we have developed programs to support both new and seasoned members. Please take the opportunity to read the extensive work being accomplished in the Preliminary Committee reports.

NECROLOGY

Our deepest condolences are extended to the families and friends of those we have admired and lost during the past year. We are thankful for their tremendous contributions and sage advice. All are missed dearly by family, friends, and colleagues.

Past Sovereign Grand Commander

Illustrious Brother Harold Edward Crosby, 33°,
passed to the Grand Lodge Above on February 28, 2025.

M.W. Bro. Harold Edward Crosby was born on August 6, 1926, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Educated there, he became a qualified Chartered Professional Accountant in 1948. He served as Managing Partner of the firm Peat, Marwick & Co. from 1972 until his retirement in 1984.

On November 27, 1948, Brother Crosby married Jessie Eliza Hatfield. They had three children, Ada, James, and Gregory, two grandsons, and a great-granddaughter.

Harold's community service included serving as President of the Halifax Board of Trade from 1972 to 1973 and as President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce from 1977 to 1978. He served as Warden of St. James Anglican Church. Among his numerous accomplishments, he was instrumental in designing, building, and gathering volunteers to help construct the new church, which was completed in 1956.

Brother Crosby also served as a member of the Board of the Halifax Housing Authority, the Municipal Development and Planning Committee, the Finance Committee of the University of King's College, and as a member of the Board of Governors of Mount Saint Vincent University.

Harold and Jessie were also key supporters, donors, and board members of the Nova Scotia Talent Trust, Symphony Nova Scotia, and Neptune Theatre.

Brother Crosby was raised in Acadia Lodge No. 14 in 1949, and was the Worshipful Master, 1956-1957, and its Treasurer, 1958-1968. He affiliated with Athole Lodge No. 15. Both Lodges eventually went into darkness; however, Harold affiliated with Equity Lodge No. 106 and Ad Astra Lodge No. 130. He remained a proud member of both for the rest of his days.

Ill. Bro. Crosby joined the Scottish Rite, receiving the 14th degree in 1953, the 18th degree in 1966, and the 32nd degree in 1967. He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Victoria Lodge of Perfection, and as Treasurer of this body as well as the Keith Chapter of Rose Croix and the Nova Scotia Consistory.

He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, at the Supreme Council Annual sessions in Regina, 1976, and Crowned an Active Member in Peterborough at the 1981 sessions.

Ill. Bro. Crosby served as the Provincial Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador from 1981-1988. He was elected Lieutenant Grand Commander in 1991 and was our Sovereign Grand Commander from 1994-1997.

Bro. Crosby was admitted to the Royal Order of Scotland in 1973 and appointed Provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in 1986.

Harold gave tirelessly of his time, talents, and resources to improve the lives of children with dyslexia, was instrumental in the formation of the Scottish Rite Learning Centre in Halifax, and was thrilled to see the opening of the satellite centre in Truro.

In 1994, Bro. Crosby was made an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. He served his Grand Lodge as Treasurer for 40 years.

May it be his portion to hear from him who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, “Well done, thy Good and Faithful Servant”.

Past Active Members

Illustrious Brother Richard David Quinton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General
The Valley of Toronto was sad to learn of his passing on August 31, 2024. Ill. Bro. Quinton was born February 5, 1935, in Holland Township, Grey County, Ontario. He received his secondary education at Owen Sound Collegiate. Immediately after graduation, Richard began employment with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Ltd., as a Machinist Apprentice and graduated in 1956 as a General Machinist. He worked in various Engineering departments and eventually became the Maintenance Manager. Richard also served as a court officer with the Metropolitan Toronto Police.

Ill. Bro. Quinton is survived by his wife Earla, daughters Karen and Cathy, three grandchildren, and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by his first wife, Elaine.

The son of a Mason, Richard was initiated into Sunnylea Lodge No. 664 in February 1961 and served as Worshipful Master in 1969. He was appointed Grand Steward in 1980.

Ill. Bro. Quinton’s Scottish Rite journey began when he received his 14th degree in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection, the 18th degree in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, and the 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton in 1971.

He served the office of Most Wise Sovereign, Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, 1984-85. Among the joys of participating in degree work was being part of the 27th degree cast as Lieutenant Grand Commander.

Ill. Bro. Quinton was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, in Windsor, on September 10, 1987, and Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, in Barrie on September 13, 1997.

Richard served as the Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Council from 2001-2007. A member of the Royal Order of Scotland, he was the Provincial Grand Master from 2007-2012.

Illustrious Brother Thomas Edward Lewis, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General
Ill. Bro. Lewis passed to the Grand Lodge Above on November 27, 2024, just days before receiving special recognition from the Valley of Niagara.

Tom was predeceased by his lovely wife Joanne.

A lifelong resident of St. Catharines, Thomas Edward Lewis was born on March 25, 1945. After graduating from High School and University, he became a Chartered Accountant, working with the firm of Durward Joines Barkwell for 32 years, retiring in 1997.

Tom joined St. Andrew's Lodge No. 661 in 1966. He became the 25th Worshipful Master in 1974. He served as District Deputy Grand Master in 1989-1990. He was an Honorary Member of Millennium Lodge No. 1179, State of New York, Heritage Lodge No. 730, and Quator Coronati Correspondence Circle in London, England.

He served as a member of the Board of General Purposes on the Audit and Finance Committee and the Management Committee for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Tom joined the Scottish Rite in Niagara Valley, received his 14th degree in 1971 and his 18th degree in 1972. Later that year, he received his 32nd degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory.

He is a Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Elgin Lodge of Perfection, and was given the rank of Honorary Past Most Wise Sovereign of the Niagara Chapter of Rose Croix by his brethren in November 2024.

Tom was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, at St. John's, N.L. on September 13, 1990, and Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General on September 15, 2001 in London.

Tom served our Supreme Council as the Grand Treasurer-General from 2003-2020.

Ill. Bro. Lewis was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the York Rite, and many Masonic Concordant Bodies, always willing to be of assistance, often unnoticed as he worked quietly.

Tom was also the Treasurer for the Scottish Rite Hamilton Valley Learning Centre, and was the inspiration for the Niagara Valley to sponsor and start a satellite Centre in St. Catharines.

Illustrious Brother James Gerard Finch, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General
The Valley of St. John's was sad to learn that Ill. Bro. James Gerard Finch passed on November 29, 2024.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Carol, his son Craig (Sherry), daughter Tina O'Brien (Blair), and granddaughters Ava & Meaghan.

Born and raised in St. John's, Jim began his working career in 1968 as a Dental Technician. After studying dental ceramics in crown and bridge work, he set up the first department of its kind in Newfoundland and Labrador. He was appointed Manager of CAL Laboratory in 1976. He remained in that position until 1986, when he opened his own business, Dental & Hearing Crafts Ltd. The state-of-the-art facility in Mount Pearl is now the largest dental laboratory east of Montreal. In 2003, Jim was made an Honorary member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association.

Jim's Masonic journey began in 1989, when he was initiated into Lodge Tasker No. 454, Grand Lodge of Scotland. He served as their Worshipful Master in 1998 and 1999.

Jim received his Scottish Rite Degrees in Hamilton (for the Valley of St. John's) in 1990. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, on September 16, 2004, in Edmonton, and Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Winnipeg on September 15, 2012.

Ill. Bro. Finch was installed as the Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador on September 19, 2015, in Windsor.

He also had the honour of serving as Potentate of the Mazol Shrine of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2003.

Among his community contributions, Jim served as President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Kidney Foundation, President of the Rotary Club of Northwest St. John's, receiving the designation of "Paul Harris Fellow". He served as a board member of the Agnes Cowan/Janeway Hostel, in addition to several other Masonic and Community organizations.

Never without a word of encouragement, Jim was well known for his enthusiasm and dedication to the Craft.

Illustrious Brother Rozin Daniel Iwanicki, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General
The jurisdiction of Manitoba and Nunavut Territory was saddened by the passing of Ill. Bro. Roz Iwanicki, 33°, on December 30, 2024, at the age of 85.

Roz was a Past Active member of the Supreme Council and the Immediate Past Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory.

Roz is survived by the love of his life, Cathy, to whom he was married for 47 years.

Roz was born in Winnipeg on February 19, 1939, and was employed for 35 years by the City of Winnipeg Hydro Department, retiring as Supervisor of Customer Accounts. He was an avid wood worker and enjoyed many hours tinkering in his workshop, building display fixtures for Cathy's jewellery. He was also an artist, producing many oil paintings on canvas. Roz and Cathy were very involved with the Masonic Family and served the Fraternity for 60 years.

Roz was initiated, passed, and raised into Fort Garry Lodge No. 130, GRM in 1970. He served as Worshipful Master in 1977. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 12th Masonic District in 1985-86. Roz received his 14th degree in 1981, 18th degree, and his 32nd degree in 1982 at the Valley of Winnipeg.

He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection in 1993-94. He chaired the Valley Council for many years and received the Walter C. McDonald Award for Meritorious Service.

Roz was Coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, on September 12, 1996, in Calgary. He was Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General on September 14, 2002, in Saint John, New Brunswick. He served as Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory from 2006 to 2014.

Roz joined Khartum Shrine and was active in the Directors' Staff. Rozin "Precision" Iwanicki was received into the Royal Order of Scotland in 1997

Illustrious Brother Gerald Allister Chaulk, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General
Past Provincial Deputy Gerald Allister Chaulk, age 92 of Moncton, New Brunswick, passed away on May 6, 2025.

He was born on August 20, 1932, in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. After graduating from the Maritime Business College in New Glasgow in 1948, he began employment with the Canadian National Railway. He eventually moved to Moncton, retiring after a 39-year career as the regional Operations Manager – Express Freight Division in 1987.

On July 25, 1959, Gerry and Frances Elizabeth O'Leary were married and began their life together as a couple in Moncton until her passing on December 21, 2018.

Gerry was Initiated, Passed, and Raised in Acacia Lodge No. 49, Moncton, in 1959. He was installed as Worshipful Master on January 20, 1996, later serving as a Grand Steward and as a Junior Grand Deacon. He served his Grand Lodge for over 60 years.

Gerry was a faithful member and a tremendous ritualist of the Moncton Lodge of Perfection, the Harrington Chapter Rose Croix, the New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory. He served as the T.P.G.M. Moncton Lodge of Perfection and M.W.S. - Britton Chapter Rose Croix. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, in Ottawa in 1974, Crowned as an Active member in Winnipeg in September 1980, and served as Provincial Deputy for New Brunswick from 1980 – 1994.

In 1968, Gerry joined the Luxor Temple Shrine and served as president of the Northeast Shrine Oriental Band Association. In 1973, Gerry was received into the Royal Order of Scotland in New Brunswick and was an active participant for many years in the office of Substitute Provincial Grand Master. His belief and support of the Moncton Learning Centre was a contributing factor to its success.

John Ross Matheson Award Recipients

During the past year, we have lost the services of two remarkable brethren, past recipients of the prestigious John Ross Matheson Award. Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of:

III. Bro. Chandrakant Jamnadas Kania, 33° Valley of Windsor, who received his Award in 2017.
III. Bro. Lester Bowering, 32° Valley of St. John's, who received his Award in 2022.

Honorary Inspectors-General

Brethren, it is my sad duty to once again advise you of the several Honorary Inspectors-General we have recently lost.

Each was an outstanding member of our Noble Rite. Their positive impact in their respective Valleys and Craft Lodges will be tremendously missed. May their memories be an inspiration to all of us.

Their names will be spelled out in the printed Proceedings with a detailed obituary for each of our dearly departed brethren.

BAUCH, Benjamin Richard ..... September 20, 2024
BINNS, Thomas Roy ..... April 18, 2025
BLACK, Murray Strathearn ..... May 9, 2025
COGGINS, Howard William ..... December 18, 2024
DALE, Ian Brickenden ..... April 28, 2025
DAWE, John Anderson ..... September 21, 2023
DELMEGE, Murray Arthur ..... November 3, 2024
DOW, Muray Austin ..... August 25, 2024
EDWARDS, Bruce Gordon ..... December 11, 2024
FEDUN, John ..... October 4, 2024
GIBSON, David Lachlan ..... February 15, 2024
GROSHAW, Ronald Eric ..... July 21, 2025
HUNTER, William Austin ..... August 16, 2024
JACK, Lachlan Brooke ..... May 20, 2025
JAMES, Paul Anthony ..... November 5, 2024
KANIA, Chandrakant Jamnadas ..... June 30, 2025
KERR, Robert Edward ..... November 6, 2024
LOGAN, James David ..... May 8, 2025
LOVE, Roland ..... December 31, 2024
MACLEOD, John Russell ..... April 3, 2025

MANNING, Leigh Lynn.....January 1, 2024
PARLIAMENT, Roger Garnott..... March 31, 2025
ROBERTSON, John Duncan ..... July 22, 2025
SCHELL, Leslie Ellwan .....October 7, 2024
SECKINGTON, James John ..... December 24, 2024
SEELEY, William Barry ..... March 14, 2025
SMITH, Donald Beverley.....June 25, 2025
SMITH, Frederick Charles..... November 11, 2024
STACEY, Norman Gerald ..... September 20, 2024
SYKES, William George..... March 3, 2025
TAYLOR, William Earle..... March 3, 2025
WEIR, Jervis ..... August 21, 2024
WELBANKS, Eric Francis ..... November 27, 2024
WINTERTON, Donald Herbert Charles ..... March 25, 2025

Illustrious Deceased of Other Jurisdictions

We mourned the passing of Past Sovereign Grand Commander Marek Brzeziński, 33°. Sincere sympathies were sent to Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Pawel Łysakowski, 33°, from our Supreme Council brethren, to the members of the Supreme Council for Poland family and friends.

And, the passing of Sovereign Grand Master Walter Schwartz,33°, Grand Lodge of Denmark. Our sincere condolences were sent from our Supreme Council to Bro. Christian Høy-Petersen, Grand Chancellor, and all members of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, family, and friends.

Concordant Bodies

This year, we extended our sincere condolences to the brethren, family, and friends of those who passed to the Grand Lodge Above from the members of the Supreme Council of Canada to the following:

M.W. Bro. Patrick Davis, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, on the passing of P.G.M., M. W. Bro. Donald Alexander Finan.

M.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, on the passing of P.G.M., M. W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw.

Family Members

Our heartfelt and deepest condolences are expressed to those in our Masonic Family who have lost loved ones during the past year. Each offered an incredible amount of time, understanding, and assistance to our brethren and our Noble Rite. We have been advised of the passing of the following family members of our Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General:

Nancy Atkinson
Nancy is the wife of Bill Atkinson, 33°, SGIG and Past Deputy for Ontario.

Madeleine Fairthorne
Madeleine is the wife of the late Carl Fairthorne, 33°, SGIG and Past Deputy for Ontario.

Gael Chalmers
Gael is the sister of Bonnie and the sister-in-law of the Grand Secretary-General and Past Sovereign Grand Commander, Terry McLean, 33°.

Jean Harrison
Jean is the mother of John Harrison, 33°, SGIG.

Ron Hamilton
Ron is the brother of Ardyce Warren and the brother-in-law of Steven Warren, 33°, SGIG, and the Chief Operating Officer.

Marian Greasley
Marian is the mother of Gordon Greasley, 33°, SGIG, and the Deputy for Manitoba, Nunavut.

William Faulkner Moore
Bill is the father of Joan Easton and the father-in-law of Doug Easton, 33°, SGIG, and the Deputy for British Columbia and Yukon.

Joan Steadman
Joan is the sister of Clive Stephenson, 33°, SGIG.

DISPENSATIONS and RULINGS

The following Dispensations and Rulings were made since my last report:

5 August 2024, Valley of Peterborough, Deputy Ron Taylor. A request to use the Scottish Rite Eagle logo on a promotional item. Approved Art. 22(t).

24 September 2024, Valley of London, Deputy Richard Jones. A request to use the Scottish Rite Eagle logo on a promotional item. Approved Art. 22(t).

11 October 2024, Valley of Peterborough, Deputy Ron Taylor. A request to use the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix logos on a promotional item. Approved Art. 22(t).

26 February 2025, Valley of Peterborough, Deputy Ron Taylor. A request to use the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix logos on a promotional item. Approved Art. 22(t).

Date	Valley	Body	Deputy	Request Details	Result / Decision
29/08/24	Vancouver	Lodge / Chapter / Consistory	Doug Easton	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
01/09/24	North Bay	Lodge / Chapter	Bob Brethour	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
05/09/24	Toronto	Lodge / Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
25/09/24	Thunder Bay	Lodge / Consistory	Bob Brethour	For one member to hold multiple offices in one or more bodies	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (15)
25/09/24	Thunder Bay	Lodge / Consistory	Bob Brethour	For one member to hold multiple offices in one or more bodies	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (15)
25/09/24	Thunder Bay	Rose Croix / Consistory	Bob Brethour	For one member to hold multiple offices in one or more bodies	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (15)

Date	Valley	Body	Deputy	Request Details	Result / Decision
25/09/24	Thunder Bay	Lodge / Consistory	Bob Brethour	For one member to hold multiple offices including one of the first three ranking offices	approved, ART 22 (f) x
25/09/24	Thunder Bay	Lodge / Consistory	Bob Brethour	For one member to hold multiple offices including one of the first three ranking offices	approved, ART 22 (f) x
25/09/24	Vancouver	Lodge / Chapter / Consistory	Doug Easton	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
29/09/24	Peterborough	Lodge / Chapter	Ron Taylor	To hold elections & Installation on date other than stated in by-laws	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (11)
01/10/24	Montreal	Lodge	Fayez Oustwani	To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a))	approved, ART 22 (f) xiii
20/10/24	Vernon	Chapter	Doug Easton	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
23/10/24	Ottawa	Lodge	Ron Taylor	To extend the time for a candidate to present himself	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (6)
23/10/24	Ottawa	Consistory	Ron Taylor	To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a))	approved, ART 22 (f) xiii
19/11/24	Guelph	Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
05/12/24	Woodstock	Lodge	Jeff Dickson	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
05/12/24	Guelph	Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
06/12/24	Edmonton	Consistory	Allan Long	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
07/12/24	Peterborough	Lodge	Ron Taylor	To hold a Master Masons' Night January 23, 2025	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
19/12/24	Sudbury	Lodge	Bob Brethour	To hold a Master Masons' Night February 3, 2025	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
31/12/24	Niagara	Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To permit a candidate who applied to one Valley to receive his first degree in another Valley (82 (a))	approved, ART 22 (f) xiii

Date	Valley	Body	Deputy	Request Details	Result / Decision
18/01/25	Woodstock	Lodge	Jeff Dickson	To hold an open installation	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (7)
26/01/25	Edmonton	Lodge	Allan Long	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
27/01/25	Saint John	Lodge / Consistory	Graham Fraser	For one member to hold multiple offices including one of the first three ranking offices	approved, ART 22 (f) x
31/01/25	Toronto	Lodge / Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
06/02/25	Barrie	Lodge	Bob Brethour	To hold a Master Masons' Night May 27, 2025	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
10/02/25	Toronto	Lodge	Jeff Dickson	To hold a Master Masons' Night May 29, 2025	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
10/02/25	Guelph	Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To hold the re-lighting ceremony with family and friends	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (8)
17/02/25	Calgary	Lodge	Allan Long	To hold elections & Installation on date other than stated in by-laws	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (11)
23/02/25	Fraser Valley	Chapter	Doug Easton	To permit a candidate who missed the 15th degree to receive the 18th degree	denied
24/02/25	Fraser Valley	Chapter	Doug Easton	To permit a candidate who missed the 18th degree to advance to Consistory	denied
05/03/25	Sault Ste Marie	Lodge	Bob Brethour	To hold a meeting at a location other than as provided in their Letters Patent of Constitution	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (4)
27/03/25	Peterborough	Lodge	Ron Taylor	To omit the 5th & 13th degree from the rotation of degrees due to weather	approved, ART 22 (f) v
02/04/25	Toronto	Lodge / Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)
08/04/25	Guelph	Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To hold re-lighting ceremony on Thursday after Easter Sunday	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)
13/04/25	Peterborough	Lodge	Ron Taylor	To hold a Master Masons' Night May 29, 2025	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (10)
15/04/25	St. John's	Chapter	Owen Devereaux	To hold re-lighting ceremony on Saturday after Easter Sunday	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (9)

Date	Valley	Body	Deputy	Request Details	Result / Decision
13/05/25	Central Alberta	Lodge	Allan Long	To alter the meeting location	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (3 & 4)
16/05/25	Toronto	Lodge / Chapter	Jeff Dickson	To change the night of their stated meeting	approved, ART 26 (a) iv (5)

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Valleys continue to take the opportunity to have their by-laws reviewed by the Committees on Jurisprudence & Legislation and Audit & Finance before presenting them to their membership for final approval. This pre-approval process eliminates the possibility of Valley-approved By-laws being rejected by the Supreme Council due to conflicts with the Statutes and Regulations. It speeds up the by-law amendment process.

This year, the Valleys of Lethbridge, Kingston, and the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix received approval for by-law amendments.

JOHN ROSS MATHESON AWARDS

In October 2024, it was my privilege to be at the Kootenay Lodge of Education and Research in Nelson, BC. I was thrilled to present the John Ross Matheson Awards to the following worthy recipients from the Valley of Castlegar/Nelson: Ill. Bro. Brett Rakuson, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Alan Tomlins, 32°. We were piped in to a full lodge room while at recess, by Ill. Bro. Rakuson's granddaughter. The brethren, family and friends, honoured the 46th and 47th recipients of the Award with their presence.

OFFICIAL VISITS and ATTENDANCES

Following the 150th S.C. Sessions in Ottawa, September 9-15, 2024, I was pleased to participate in the following:

2024	Event
18-Sep	Valley of North Bay- Regular meeting of the LOP & RC
19-Sep	Barrie- Kerr Lodge- Ceremony to present Grand Lodge Regalia to Grand Senior Deacon Doug Crawford
21-Sep	North Bay- A Lodge fundraiser hosted by the 183 Club
25-Sep	Imperial Shrine Webinar
26-Sep	Sturgeon Falls Lodge 447
1-Oct	Bracebridge- Muskoka Lodge 360
5-Oct	Hamilton- 150th Anniversary Celebrations.
9-Oct	North Bay- Valley Installation of RC Officers
15-Oct	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420
18-Oct	Valley of Sudbury Installation of Officers
19-Oct	North Bay- 150th SC Celebration Banquet- "Unity in Masonry" event
22-Oct	Kinmount- SR Club District of Victoria- Guest Speaker
26-Oct	Hamilton- Royal Order of Scotland
27-Oct	Flight to Kelowna- Dinner with Deputy Easton
28-Oct	Vernon- Morning meeting with the leadership team
29-Oct	Nelson- Presentation of JRM Awards- two recipients
1-2 Nov	Valley of Toronto RC Reunion- View 16th degree in preparation for the taping in the spring of '25
4-Nov	SC Advisory Council Zoom meeting

2024	Event
6-Nov	Barrie- A Social Event to Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of V.W. Bro. Lachlan Jack. He is also an H.I.G. from the Valley of Barrie. More than 175 guests attended. M.W. Bro. Jamie Ireland, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, officiated with a presentation of the certificate and pocket jewel
7-Nov	Woodstock- Woodstock LOP- 13th degree
8-Nov	Windsor - My O.V. weekend - Leadership meeting at 5:30 pm
8-Nov	Windsor- Dinner with Active Members, Past Active Members, Deputy Jones, TPGM & MWS
9-Nov	Kingsville- Masonic Memorial Service for W. Bro. Murray Delmage- A member of the Valley of Windsor
9-Nov	Windsor Chapter of RC- 18th Degree & my address to the Valley
9-Nov	Windsor- "SGC Gala"- A first-class evening of fine dining, entertainment, and a silent auction for the SRCF…also an opportunity to address those in attendance
11-Nov	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420- Remembrance "Empty Chair Ceremony" & First Degree
12-Nov	Shrine Int'l Webinar
12-Nov	Excellence in Leadership Excelsior Zoom Meeting- Hosted by the NMJ
13-Nov	Valley of North Bay- Executive/Leadership In-Person/Zoom meeting
15-16 Nov	Moore Sovereign Consistory & an opportunity for mini-meetings
18-Nov	Provincial Deputies Zoom Meeting
19-Nov	Rorab Shrine Club- Dinner meeting
21-Nov	Fly to Halifax for my O.V.
22-Nov	Valley Leadership meeting with Deputy Devereaux, followed by the 15th degree
23-Nov	16th & 18th Degree- Luncheon speaker
24-Nov	Truro- Official opening of the Learning Centre, followed by a visit to the Halifax LC
29-Nov	St. Catharines- Social event for the Valley of Niagara
30-Nov	Valley of Niagara- Anniversary Celebrations, Presentations, and Gala Banquet- Guest speaker
3-Dec	SRCF- Zoom meeting & presentation from the SR BCLC
7-Dec	Eastern Star Luncheon
7-Dec	GLCPOO Go to Meeting- Presentation on AI
9-Dec	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420- Emceed Annual Christmas Dinner & DDGM OV- First Degree Lecture from the N.E.
10-Dec	Rorab Shrine Club- Monthly Ladies Luncheon
11-Dec	Valley of North Bay- Executive/Leadership Committee Meeting
15-Dec	Rorab Shrine Club- Christmas Dinner
17-Dec	Rorab Shrine Club- Dinner Meeting
19-Dec	Brothers Across Borders Zoom presentation
19-Dec	Powassan Lodge No. 443- 3rd degree
20-Dec	183 Club- Christmas Dinner
2025	**Event**
7-Jan	Muskoka Lodge 360- Installation of Officers- General Charge
8-Jan	Valley of North Bay- Valley Future Planning Meeting
11-Jan	Sturgeon Falls Lodge 447- Participated in the Installation of Officers Ceremony
13-Jan	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420- Regular meeting; second degree
14-Jan	Rorab Shrine Club- Monthly luncheon
14-Jan	Valley of Toronto- Via Zoom for their Advisory Council Meeting
15-Jan	International Shrine Webinar
15-Jan	Deputy Taylor- Think Tank via Zoom
16-Jan	Brothers across Borders- Monthly Zoom Presentation
18-Jan	Valley of Barrie- Installation of Officers: LOP; RC; Consistory, Barrie Advisory Council Reports and Lunch

2025	Event
21-Jan	Campbell River- Before my arrival, I was pleased to have coffee with a few members of the Valley of Campbell River. Discovery Lodge 149, Northern Lights Degree Team, Robbie Burns Banquet. Guests included the G.M. of BC/Yukon
22-Jan	Nanaimo- Retirement lunch for SRLC Tutor Heather Redenbach. It was also the introduction of “Ursa”. A book written by III. Bro. Jack Barr, 33°, Grand Sword Bearer on Dyslexia
22-Jan	Nanaimo- Doric Lodge 18
23-Jan	Nanaimo- O.V. to Strathcona and Colville LOP- Included a leadership meeting and dinner before the 7th Degree & communication of the 8th and 9th.
25-Jan	Huntsville- Unity Lodge 376 Masonic Memorial Service for W. Bro. Kip Coggins
27-Jan	North Bay Nipissing Lodge- 1st Degree- Lecture from the N.E.
29-Jan	Ontario Masonic Leadership Meeting via Zoom- Hosted by M. W. Bro. Jamie Ireland
30-Jan	Future Initiatives Committee- Zoom meeting
4-Feb	Muskoka Lodge 360- DDGM O.V. & Travelling Gavel from North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420
5-Feb	MRC Zoom Presentation- Masonic Relief Efforts Hawaii- David Gomes
10-Feb	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420
11-Feb	Rorab Shrine Club- Ladies Luncheon
12-Feb	Sturgeon Falls Lodge 447- Morning Social
12-Feb	Valley of North Bay- Executive/ Leadership Meeting
18-Feb	Imperial Shrine Webinar- 6 Points of Leadership. P.P. Karum- Darrell Rostek
18-Feb	Rorab Shrine Club- Dinner Meeting
22-Feb	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420- A morning E.A. Degree by members of the Lodge, lunch to honour all new members, and an E.A. Degree in the afternoon by the Valley of North Bay-AASR
28-Feb	Valley of Sault Ste. Marie- Joint O.V. with Deputy Brethour began with a Leadership meeting and social at the Lodge, 45+ in attendance
1-Mar	Valley of Sault Ste. Marie- Chapter of RC; Luncheon (and for the Ladies), followed by a casual dinner in a local restaurant
5-Mar	Imperial Shrine Webinar
5-Mar	NMJ New York Council of Deliberation- Excelsior Session
8-Mar	Barrie- Day of Freemasonry with speakers
10-Mar	North Bay Nipissing Lodge- 2nd degrees
12-Mar	Valley of North Bay LOP & RC Meeting
13-Mar	Sturgeon Falls Lodge 447- DDGM O.V. banquet and 2nd degree
17-Mar	Advisory Council Meeting
18-Mar	Imperial Shrine Webinar
18-Mar	Rorab Shrine Club- Dinner Meeting
19-Mar	Peterborough- Otonabee Lodge 101
20-Mar	Kingston- My O.V. leadership meeting, banquet, and AGM
22-Mar	Hamilton- With 21st Century Committee- Taping of the 16th degree
24-Mar	North Bay Nipissing Lodge- 2nd degree
27-Mar	Powassan Lodge 443- The 81st Annual Valley of North Bay-AASR to Powassan Lodge. The 2nd degree was portrayed
28-Mar	Hamilton- Dinner at the Cathedral with the Directors of the SRCF
29-Mar	Hamilton- SRCF meetings
30-Mar	Valley of Hamilton- Educational Speaker Series via Zoom
7-Apr	Valley of Toronto- Advisory Council Zoom meeting
8-Apr	Sundridge- Strong Lodge 423 3rd degree
9-Apr	Valley of North Bay- LOP Ballot meeting & RC in preparation for Easter services
14-Apr	North Bay Nipissing 420- Third Degree
15-Apr	Rorab Shrine Club- Dinner meeting

2025	Event
16-Apr	Provincial Deputies Zoom meeting
17-Apr	North Bay- Maundy Thursday
17-Apr	Powassan Lodge 443
20-Apr	North Bay- Easter Services
24-Apr	Emsdale- Algonquin Lodge DDGM O.V. and 2nd degree
26-Apr	Valley of Barrie- Attended a portion of the RC Reunion
26-Apr	Hamilton- Royal Order of Scotland
28-Apr	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420- EA Degree- Final Charge
29-Apr	Valley of Barrie- Educational Speaker Series via Zoom
1-May	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420- Grand Master Reception
7-11 May	XXI World Conference of Supreme Councils Bucharest, Romania
14-May	Huntsville- DDGM O.V. to Unity Lodge 376
21-May	Shriners International- Webinar
21-May	Valley of North Bay- LOP Installation of Officers
24-May	Barrie- LC Graduation
26-May	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420- Third Degree Final Charge
28-May	North Bay- 183 Club AGM & Election of Officers
30-May	Masonic Leaders of Ontario- Zoom meeting hosted by the GM of Ontario
8-Jun	Montreal- Annual Pilgrimage to the grave of Colonel Bury MacLeod Moore
9-Jun	Shrine Webinar- Missed the live feed, but enjoyed the comments while watching the video
9-Jun	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420- Installation of Officers- D of C & Invest Chaplain
11-Jun	Huntsville- Unity Lodge 376- Installation of Officers- Qualifications to the Incoming Master
13-Jun	Hamilton- Red Apple Golf Tournament
14-Jun	Hamilton- SRCF Learning Centres National Conference- Guest Speaker
20-21 Jun	Hamilton- Royal Order of Scotland 150th Anniversary
23-Jun	Charlottetown- Dinner with Valley of Summerside Leadership Team & Guests Deputy Fraser, his wife Sue, and III. Bro. Grant Parnell
24-Jun	Charlottetown- Afternoon tour, Valley of Summerside Leadership meeting hosted by Deputy Devereaux, followed by a fundraising dinner at the New Glasgow Lobster House for the Scottish Rite Learning Centre in Halifax. The guest list during my OV included PSGC Matt Todd
26-Jun	Algonquin Lodge 454- Installation of Officers. I was pleased to deliver the General Charge
13-Jul	South River- Annual District of Nipissing Muskoka Golf Tournament
15-17 Jul	Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario- 170th Annual Communication
19-Jul	Burks Falls- Corona Lodge 454- Masonic Memorial Service for V.W. Bro. Gord Jacques
22-Jul	Ontario Actives/Past Activities- Annual Zoom Call
26-Jul	Barrie- Annual Pig Roast to benefit the SR Barrie Learning Centre
8-Aug	Peterborough- Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the SR Learning Centres in Barrie & Hamilton
13-Aug	Valley of North Bay- RC Ballot meeting for the Fall Reunion
16-20 Aug	Washington D.C.- SJ Biannual Sessions
23-27 Aug	Indianapolis- NMJ Biannual Sessions
9-Sep	North Bay Nipissing Lodge 420
10-Sep	SC Executive Sessions via Zoom
10-Sep	Valley of North Bay- LOP & RC meeting

It has been another wonderful year traveling across our beautiful country and beyond, listening, learning, and sharing accomplishments, concerns, and best practices with our Brethren in Craft Lodges, the AASR, and our Concordant Bodies.

PROVINCIAL DEPUTIES

Our eleven Provincial Deputies continue to act as a valuable source of information and encouragement. I am grateful to receive positive remarks from our members about their diligent efforts to assist their respective Valleys, and to share best practices with their fellow Deputies. Participation in the "Deputy's Award Program" continues to grow, and we are grateful for their efforts in succession planning.

Along with the Lieutenant Grand Commander, Tom Wills, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, Terry McLean,33°, Chief Operating Officer, Steven Warren, 33°, Office & Finance Administrator, Leslie Drake, and Office Administrator Barb Lee, we appreciate their communication and timely response to questions and filing reports.

SCOTTISH RITE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Under the leadership of President Ill. Bro. Richard Jones, 33°, the Board of Directors continues to expand the reach of the SRCF by increasing the financial assistance to the various research projects and our Learning Centres. In June of this year, I was honoured to participate in the Scottish Rite National Learning Centre Conference.

Representatives from each of our Centres met in Hamilton, Ontario, to discuss concerns, initiatives, and best practices. My congratulations to Ill. Bro. Bill Cave, 33°, Executive Director of our Scottish Rite Learning Centres, for facilitating an inspiring event. All participants gained a wealth of knowledge, which will enhance the ongoing success in providing education to children with dyslexia. As always, I encourage you to seek further information on our website www.srcf.ca

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTORS-GENERAL

During our 150th Annual Sessions, we were pleased to officially crown Ill. Bro. Fayez Oustwani, 33°, a S.G.I.G. of the Supreme Council. He was also appointed Deputy for the Province of Quebec. Others crowned at the Ottawa session were Ill. Bro. Adrian Cretu, 33°, and Ill. Bro. David Boyd, 33°. In addition, Ill. Bro. Kent Clarke, 33°, was invested as Grand Standard Bearer.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

I am tremendously proud of the many tools to inform, educate, and engage our membership located on our website www.scottishritecanada.ca

Worthy of mention, while at the XXI World Conference of Supreme Councils, I was thrilled to learn that our website has been viewed and highly acknowledged by those in the International Scottish Rite family. My congratulations are extended to all Chairs and their hardworking committees for providing us with such excellent information. Valuable tools continue to be regularly placed on our website.

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Membership, chaired by our Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, continues to pick up steam. We now have 30 of our 44 Valleys represented. By all accounts, the flow of information has been fantastic and will assuredly produce excellent results.

The Education and Enlightenment Committee, chaired by Ill. Bro. Bob Brethour continues to act on suggestions from our membership for more educational opportunities. The National Education Webinar has been a huge success. Please save this date- Wednesday, October 29, 2025, featuring a presentation by Akran Elias.

I am also hopeful that with your support, the Clarion and the Communique will continue to flourish with stories and photographs from each of our Valleys nationwide.

CONCLUSION

As I embark on the final year of my term, I hope to see many of you on my travels. I look forward immensely to my remaining official and fraternal visits.

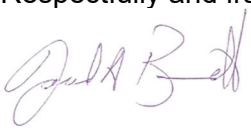
As in the past, your efforts and friendships have been most appreciated as we continue to strive for excellence in the performance of our Scottish Rite Ritual and our charitable endeavours to aid our communities and our Country.

My wife, Aurore, has been pleased to meet so many brethren and ladies during her travels with me. We have gained so many new friends, and for this, we are eternally thankful.

I am grateful for the continued support of Grand Secretary-General Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Thomas Wills, 33°, Office and Finance Administrator, Leslie Drake, and Office Administrator, Barb Lee. Further, it has been wonderful to know that the Provincial Deputies, the Advisory Council, Committee Chairmen, and Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General all have my back!

Thank you, Everyone!

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,



David A. Bennett, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Listing of Active Members of Supreme Council in attendance:

John L. Barr	Douglas G. Easton	Allan L. Long	A. Bruce Taylor
David A. Bennett	William C. Fitzsimmons	Joel A. MacDonald	Gareth R. Taylor
David J. Boyd	Paul E. Frank	Gordon R. Maitland	Ronald J. G. Taylor
Robert D. Brethour	Graham A. Fraser	Terry A. McLean	Matthew F. Todd
Richard A. H. Brown	Brian W. Gilkinson	Fayez Oustwani	Steven E. Warren
N. Kent Clarke	Gordon L. Greasley	John C. Revell	Orlan J. Weber
Adrian Cretu	Stephen G. Hannah	Karl E. Springer	W. Harold Welke
William A. Davis	Bruce M. Jardine	Clive D. Stephenson	Robert S. Whitmore
Owen T. Devereaux	Richard E. Jones	Errol A. Stewart	Thomas A. Wills
Jeffrey R. Dickson	D. Brent Julian	Alan J. Stoddart	

Listing of Past Active Members of Supreme Council in attendance:

Michael D. H. Farr	D. Ronald MacDonald	James C. Sutherland
David G. Hooper	Opkar D. Sandhu	John G. Teleske
Loren W. Kline	Duncan S. Skinner	Donald D. Thornton

Total attendance was reported as follows:

Active Members	39
Past Active Members	9
Total	**48**

David A. Bennett, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Terry A. McLean, 33°
Grand Secretary-General

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Grand Treasurer-General's Report

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and brethren:

As your Grand Treasurer-General, I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statements and the Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report for the year ended May 31, 2025. Copies of these financial statements, which were approved following consultation with our accountants can be found in the Preliminary Reports. The Financial Statements constitute both a general and detailed report of all revenues and expenses during the year pursuant to ART. 28(c) of the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council.

The unaudited financial statements for Supreme Council for the year ended May 31, 2025, were reviewed and discussed in detail with our accountants Doane Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants. For the year ended May 31, 2025, your Supreme Council experienced an operating **loss of revenue over expenses before unrealized gain on investments** in the amount of $97,961 as compared to a **loss of revenue over expenses** in the amount of $64,512 for fiscal 2024.

The Statement of Operations and the related schedules of expenses, which can be found in the Preliminary Report present the results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2025 together with the comparative figures for the year ended May 31, 2024.

The Draft Budget found in the Finance section of the Preliminary Report outline in detail the results of operations for the year ended May 31, 2025 compared to the 2025 Budget approved at last year's Executive Session of Supreme Council.

General Comments

The change in our year over year increased operating loss, was mainly a result of the following

Dues and fees .....-$3,450
2024 Sessions.....-8,318
Admin and salaries. .....+17,236
150th special committee. ....-35,392
Activities. .....-2,812

The total revenue declined marginally from $226,206 in 2024 to $223,956 in 2025.

After adjusting for the one-time expenses for the 2024 Sessions and the 150th Anniversary Committee … a comparison of Expenses, i.e. Administrative, Activities, Officers and Committees declined from $290,718 in 2024 to $276,599 in 2025. This was due to a reduction in salary expense related to our COO reduced work week.

As indicated in the Trustees' Report found in the Preliminary Reports, the two investment portfolios combined aggregated $2,150,971, an increase from the previous year $1,943,875. This $207,000 mark to market gain is a reflection of continued strong equity markets which are being supported by strong corporate earnings and declines in inflation despite the US administration continued tariff threat confusion.

Financial Statements and Financial Instruments

The Financial Statements and the Financial Instruments should be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements, which accompany these statements to further explain and provide additional information.

Investments

Our investment portfolios continue to be in the care of R.B.C. Dominion Securities. Supreme Council investments are in large cap companies with a long history of uninterrupted dividends and dividend increases.

The net value of the assets of the Supreme Council as at May 31, 2025 consisting of cash on deposit and cash equivalents, investments at fair value together with amounts receivable, inventory and prepaid items, less liabilities for accounts payable and fees paid in advance totalled $2,239,556 as compared to $1,995,601 as at May 31,2024.

Our investment income aggregated $103,392 for the year ended May 31, 2025 as compared to $100,615 in the prior year. The net gain on the disposal of investments during the year amounted to a loss of $22,436 as compared to net realized loss on the sale of investments in the prior year of $700. Your Trustees and Investment Advisors continue to work within the amended [2012] guidelines of the Supreme Council Investment Policy, whereby the portfolios are generally managed within a maximum of 25% / 75% split of fixed income to equity investments. The details of the investment portfolios can be found in the financial statements and in the report of the Trustees.

In accordance with ART.28 (d) of the Statutes and Regulations, your Grand Treasurer-General has submitted a draft Annual Budget for the ensuing fiscal year i.e. June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026. This proposed budget has been submitted to the Chairman of Audit and Finance and his Committee for review and will be addressed in detail in due course and submitted for your approval.

Actions During The Year

In addition to the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Treasurer-General as outlined in the Statutes and Regulations of Supreme Council, your Grand Treasurer-General is in regular communication throughout the year with our representative at R.B.C. Dominion Securities.

Your Grand Treasurer-General, the Grand Secretary-General and the Chief Operating Officer have met on a regular basis to review various matters in connection with the financial affairs of Supreme Council and other staffing and office matters. As indicated above, we have also met with our accountants, Doane Grant Thornton, Chartered Professional Accountants to review their report and the year-end unaudited financial statements. A special thanks to our accountants Doane Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, LLP for their overall assistance and interest during the year.

Special Candidates Fund

In 2005 Ill. Bro. Tom Lewis, 33°, established a Candidates Capital Fund with an eye on our future needs, I am pleased to report that as a result of this fund beginning with seed money of $15,000, its current value now stands at $402,000. This amount is reported in our aggregate portfolio amounts.

It is suggested that when the fund becomes a meaningful amount, annually Supreme Council would withdraw a portion of the income earned by the fund for the benefit of Membership, Education, and Communication. The capital would remain intact. Accordingly, each year the fund will increase by the amount of the investment income retained in the fund, as well as the contributions made by the fees paid by the new Honorary Inspectors-General and hopefully by capital appreciation on the investments being held. This recommendation, now implemented will provide an annual renewable source of capital in the future.

In Conclusion

As Grand Treasurer-General I must thank the Sovereign Grand Commander and Supreme Council in the confidence that they have placed in me in this important role. I applaud the hard work and efforts of our Sovereign Grand Commander, Lieutenant Grand Commander and our Deputies of staying connected with our Valleys across Canada through their travels and the hundreds of Zoom meetings keeping our Rite vital.

In closing, I would once again wish to record a word of appreciation to all the Supreme Council staff for their loyal support throughout the year. And to all the Supreme Council brethren who have conscientiously applied fiduciary accountability in helping Supreme Council keep expenditures to budget. Your Grand

Treasurer-General acknowledges the work and efforts of Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, Chief Operating Officer, and a very special thanks to Ms. Leslie Drake of the Office of the Grand Secretary-General.

I would also like to recognize the hard work of our Audit Finance Committee under the direction of Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, in its efforts to connect with and collect meaningful financial information from our Valleys across Canada.

Thank you also to Ill. Bro. David Bennett, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Tom Wills, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, and Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, for all their assistance rendered to the Grand Treasurer-General during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan J Stoddart, 33°
Grand Treasurer-General

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Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report

To the Members of
Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada, that comprise the statement of financial position as at May 31, 2025, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as at May 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Port Colborne, Canada
June 30, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Statement of Operations

Year Ended May 31	**2025**	2024
Revenues		
Dues	**$ 206,794**	$ 212,936
Fees	**6,562**	3,270
Candidates fees	**10,600**	10,000
Annual/executive session (Page 13)	**276,097**	-
	500,053	226,206
Expenses		
Administration (Page 12)	**192,600**	209,838
Activities (Page 12)	**15,276**	12,464
Officers and committees (Page 12)	**105,723**	68,417
Annual/executive session (Page 13)	**284,415**	-
	598,014	290,718
Operating deficiency of revenues over expenses	**(97,961)**	(64,512)
Investment income	**103,392**	100,615
Realized loss on disposal of investments	**(22,436)**	(700)
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenses before unrealized gain on investments	**(17,005)**	35,403
Unrealized gain on investments	**260,960**	90,242
Excess of revenues over expenses	**$ 243,955**	$ 125,645

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended May 31, 2025

Net assets	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted Special Candidates' Fund (Note 6)	**2025 Total**	2024 Total
Balance, beginning of year	$ 1,651,188	$ 344,413	**$ 1,995,601**	$ 1,869,956
Excess of revenues over expenses	243,955	-	**243,955**	125,645
Transfers	(58,173)	58,173	-	-
Balance, end of year	$ 1,836,970	$ 402,586	**$ 2,239,556**	$ 1,995,601

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Statement of Financial Position

May 31		**2025**	2024	
Assets				
Current				
Cash (Note 3)		**$ 140,552**	$ 165,043	
Receivables		**32,232**	21,892	Inventory
94,695	67,241			
Prepaids and deferred charges		**23,007**	66,389	
		290,486	320,565	
Investments - Unrestricted (Note 4)		**1,749,943**	1,599,557	
Investments - Special Candidates' Fund (Notes 4 and 6)		**401,028**	344,318	
Capital assets		**1**	1	
		$ 2,441,458	$ 2,264,441	
Liabilities				
Current				
Payables and accruals (Note 5)		**$ 50,268**	$ 21,712	
Deferred candidates and other fee revenue		**151,634**	247,128	
		201,902	268,840	
Net assets				
Unrestricted		**1,836,970**	1,651,188	
Internally restricted - Special Candidates' Fund (Note 6)		**402,586**	344,413	
		2,239,556	1,995,601	
		$ 2,441,458	$ 2,264,441	

Commitments (Note 7)

On behalf of the Board

Alan Stoddart – Treasurer

David Bennett – Sovereign Grand Commander

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended May 31	**2025**	2024
Net increase (decrease) in cash		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenues over expenses	**$ 243,955**	$ 125,645
Items not affecting cash		
Realized loss on disposal of investments	**22,436**	700
Unrealized gain on investments	**(260,960)**	(90,242)
	5,431	36,103
Changes in non-cash operating working capital		
Receivables	**(10,340)**	(4,267)
Inventory	**(27,454)**	(3,831)
Prepaids and deferred charges	**43,382**	(19,849)
Payables and accruals	**28,556**	5,770
Deferred candidates and other fee revenue	**(95,494)**	120,970
	(55,919)	134,896
Investing activities		
Proceeds from disposition of investments	**374,274**	119,513
Purchase of investments	**(342,846)**	(222,868)
	31,428	(103,355)
Net (decrease) increase in cash	**(24,491)**	31,541
Cash (Note 3)		
Beginning of year	**165,043**	133,502
End of year	**$ 140,552**	$ 165,043

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Notes to the Financial Statements
May 31, 2025

1. Purpose of the organization

The Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada (the "organization") is a not-for-profit organization which serves as the central administrative body for Scottish Rite Freemasonry across Canada.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements are the responsibility of and prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The significant accounting policies used are as follows:

Inventory

Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the specific item method.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement
The organization initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value.

Subsequent measurement
At each reporting date, the organization measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for equities quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. All changes in fair value of the organization's investments in equities quoted in an active market are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the organization regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the organization determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

Financial instruments in related party transactions
Financial assets and financial liabilities in related party transactions are initially measured at cost and are subsequently measured using the cost method.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Capital assets

Capital asset purchases which are significant are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives.

Revenue recognition

Dues and fees revenue is recognized as earned and collection is reasonably assured. Amounts received in advance are recorded as deferred candidates and other fee revenue.

Annual/executive session revenue is recognized when the event takes place and collection is reasonably assured.

Investment income includes interest and dividends and is recognized as it is earned in the statement of operations.

Use of estimates

Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each statement of financial position date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Many items in the preparation of these financial statements require management’s best estimate. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of action.

These estimates are reviewed periodically, and adjustments are made to excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses as appropriate in the year they become known.

Items subject to significant management estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts, investment fair values and certain accruals.

3. Cash

	2025	2024
Cash in bank – unrestricted	**$ 135,753**	$ 163,822
Cash in investment account – unrestricted	**3,241**	1,126
Cash in investment account – Special Candidates' Fund	**1,558**	95
	$ 140,552	$ 165,043

4. Investments

	2025	2024
Unrestricted		
Fixed income – guaranteed investment certificates	**$ 217,972**	$ 100,570
Equities quoted in an active market	**1,531,971**	1,498,987
	1,749,943	1,599,557
Special Candidates' Fund		
Equities quoted in an active market	**401,028**	344,318
	$ 2,150,971	$ 1,943,875

5. Payables and accruals

Included in payables and accruals are government remittances of $ 5,138 (2024 - $ 5,814).

6. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets are comprised of transfers subject to internally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resources be held for capital appreciation.

	2025	2024
Internally restricted net assets, beginning of year	**$ 344,413**	$ 300,890
Transfer of candidates' fees	**10,600**	10,000
Transfer for expenses	**(14,567)**	-
Investment income	**18,647**	17,098
Gain (loss) on investments	**43,493**	16,425
Internally restricted net assets, end of year	**$ 402,586**	$ 344,413

This fund will provide an annual renewable source of capital in the future. This fund currently holds investments with a fair value of $ 401,028 and cash of $ 1,558.

7. Commitments

The organization has commitments for leases of equipment and premises with expiry dates ranging to from 2026 to 2028. Future minimum lease payments over the next three years are as follows:

2026	$ 15,597
2027	1,656
2028	1,656

8. Financial instruments

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the organization's risk exposures and concentrations at May 31, 2025.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The organization's main credit risk relates to its accounts receivable. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year and no allowance for doubtful accounts is required.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price. The organization is exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization's guaranteed investment certificates bear interest at various fixed rates and therefore are subject to fair value interest rate risk. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of equity securities changes with stock market conditions, which are affected by general economic and market conditions. The fair value of securities will vary with developments within the specific companies or governments which issue the securities. Market risk in investment activities is managed by the senior management of the organization and every investment transaction is guided by policy and regulatory limitations. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year.

8. Financial instruments (continued)

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value of securities denominated in a currency other than the Canadian dollar will be affected by changes in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the value of the currency in which the security is denominated. The organization's investment policies mitigate this risk by limiting concentration levels. There was no significant change in exposure from the prior year.

9. Related party transactions

During the year, the organization paid and charged back costs for The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada. These transactions are in the normal course of business and measured at the exchange amount, which are the actual amounts paid. The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada is a not-for-profit organization whose board of directors are members of the organization.

Amounts due from The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada are as follows:

	2025	2024
Accounts receivable	**$ 8,202**	$ 7,086

10. Comparative figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in the current year's presentation.

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Schedule of Expenses

Year Ended May 31	2025	2024	
Administration			
Salaries	**$ 115,471**	$ 111,030	
Employee benefits	**16,376**	14,151	
Rent	**24,302**	23,830	
Postage	**2,352**	2,084	
Telephone	**2,410**	2,658	
Property maintenance	**1,237**	-	Equipment
maintenance	**90**	-	
Supplies	**4,948**	5,634	
Office equipment	**2,851**	4,075	
Professional fees	**13,833**	11,695	
Insurance	**4,999**	4,542	
Printing	**(654)**	543	
Computer service	**10,161**	13,322	
Website	**194**	5,793	
Sundry – net of recoveries	**(5,970)**	10,481	
	$ 192,600	$ 209,838	
Activities			
Sale of statutes and regulations	**$ (495)**	$ (370)	
Sale of rituals, officers' manual and lectures	**(1,860)**	(2,240)	
The Clarion costs	**9,379**	8,622	
Public relations	**3,752**	-	
Donations and presentation	**4,500**	6,452	
	$ 15,276	$ 12,464	
Officers and committees			
Sovereign Grand Commander	**$ 11,517**	$ 7,482	
Lieutenant Grand Commander	**-**	-	
Deputies	**9,160**	9,830	
Other	**26,149**	25,554	
Attendance at other Supreme Councils and international meetings	**20,127**	19,909	
World conference	**3,378**	-	
150th Anniversary Celebration	**35,392**	5,641	
	$ 105,723	$ 68,417	

Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada
Schedule of Annual/Executive Session Revenues and Expenses

Year Ended May 31	2025	2024
Revenues		
Registration	**$ 272,525**	$ -
Vesper service	**3,572**	-
Total session revenue	**276,097**	-
Expenses		
Delegates - actives and past actives		
Lunches	**5,707**	-
Tuesday Dinner	**10,195**	-
Wednesday Dinner	**10,357**	-
Get Acquainted Reception - Wednesday	**11,433**	-
Foundation Luncheon	**40,999**	-
Sovereign Grand Commander's Banquet	**47,032**	-
Sovereign Grand Commander's Wife's Luncheon	**1,493**	-
Ladies Program	**18,360**	-
	145,576	-
General		
Flowers	**1,321**	-
Gifts	**8,583**	-
Workers' lunch	**-**	-
Printing	**4,606**	-
Accommodation – guests and sessions	**24,334**	-
Audio visual and room rental	**19,702**	-
Vesper service	**2,000**	-
Moving and insurance	**5,002**	-
Regalia	**61,666**	-
Miscellaneous	**2,108**	-
Transportation at session	**5,000**	-
Local committee expenses	**4,517**	-
	138,839	-
Total session expenses	**284,415**	-
Excess of session expenses over revenues	**$ (8,318)**	$ -
Total attendance	**484**	Nil
Location	Full Session (Ottawa)	Executive Session

Report of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers and Brethren:

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of this Supreme Council can be found in ART. 35 of the Statutes and Regulations of the Supreme Council 33˚ of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Accordingly, we submit the following report in connection therewith.

Your Board of Trustees reports that as at May 31, 2025, the net assets under its charge totalled $2,239,556 compared to $1,995,601 as at May 31, 2024. The increase in the net assets in the amount of $ 243,955 is represented by an operating loss of revenue over expense of $17,005 plus a year end adjustment for unrealized gain on investments in the amount of $260,960 for a net increase of revenue over expense in the amount of $243,955

During the last fiscal year, securities matured or were sold with the result that Supreme Council realized a net capital loss of $22,436 compared to a net loss of $700 in 2024 together with investment income of $103,392 [2024 – $100,615]. The total of investment income and net capital loss in the amount of $81,000 was in line with the budgeted amount of $83,000.

Investment portfolios summary as at May 31, 2025
Cash and cash equivalents include the cash balances in brokerage firms together with the investments as outlined below. Cash held in our operating account is listed here but not used for calculating returns or measuring investment mix.

	2025	2024
Cash in operating account	135,753	163,822
Investments – unrestricted [General Investments]		
Cash in Broker's account	3,241	1,126
Investments at market value	1,749,943	1,599,577
	1,753,184	1,600,683
Investments – restricted [Special Candidates' Fund]		
Cash in Broker's account	1,558	895
Investments at market value	401,028	344,318
	402,586	345,213
Total Investment Funds	2,155,770	1,945,896
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Above totals do not include cash in operating account

In the past year, your Trustees, in consultation with our Investment Advisors, renewed our GIC rollovers with longer dated maturities locking in higher rates in anticipation of the Bank of Canada reducing rates in response to declines in the inflation data. Since June 2024 the Bank has reduced its policy rate 7 times from 4.75 to 2.75.
Our investment mix as at May 31 ,2025 was;
Cash. 3.00%

Fixed income 22.00%
Equities.....75.00%

We would also advise that all securities were held in accordance with the requirements of ART. 35 (b) of the Statutes and Regulations and income from there is paid to the Supreme Council on request except for investment income earned on the Special Candidates' Fund, which is internally restricted until such time as the fund balance and the investment income from there become more meaningful.

In the last year our Supreme Council Office withdrew $127,276 from our General Fund Portfolio. This was as expected as it included the loss and the 150th committee amount for our Sessions.

Adjusted for those withdrawals our two Funds had a total return of 17.76%

General Comments

In the past year the TSX S&P Composite Index increased by 18 %. This performance, while impressive was muted by the energy sector and the Oil and Gas Sector both of which were flat. The index is weighted at approx. 38% financials where the Canadian banking sector have significant influence in its performance. Two Banks, CM and RBC had remarkable Returns of 40% from May 31 2024 to May 31 2025 with the other Banks not far behind at 25 to 30%. Our portfolio has significant exposure to those Banks which is the reason that even with 25 % held in cash and GICs, we were able to enjoy this very remarkable return.

The combination of our Supreme Council investment portfolios income coupled with continued cost control measures and the increase in our Assessments implemented this past year is providing a more secure financial outlook for the next number of years.

Once again, we continue to be pleased with the services of R.B.C. Dominion Securities and their representatives. In particular, we would like to express our thanks to Mr. Ryan te Boekhorst of R.B.C. Dominion Securities and his colleagues for their assistance, interest and availability throughout the year. Accordingly, we would recommend the continuing engagement of this firm to provide for our investment needs.

In the last year the Bank of Canada has reduced its policy rate from 4.75 to 2.75 and as inflation information is trending lower and is inside the mid-point of their policy band markets are anticipating more rede reductions. In the US employment data now becoming a focus of concern for policy makers. In the same period The US Fed has cut its policy rate by 1% and is expected to be active later this year. We feel this will assist in supporting capital investment and earnings. A stated in the past our investment policy is to hold equity positions in large cap Canadian companies who have demonstrated long term secure and growing dividends.

As a Trustee and in my role as Grand Treasurer-General, I would like to thank the SGC, Ill. Bro. David Bennett, for his confidence and guidance over the past year. As well GSG, Ill. Bro. Terry McLean has served as a mentor and friend over many years for which I am extremely grateful.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,
David A. Bennett, 33° Terry A. McLean, 33° Alan J. Stoddart, 33°

SUPREME COUNCIL 33º OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED
SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY OF CANADA
DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2026 WITH COMPARISON TO 2025 BUDGET AND ACTUALS

	BUDGET 2026	ACTUAL 2025	BUDGET 2025
REVENUE			
DUES & FEES (COMBINED)	**197,120**	213,356	202,400
CANDIDATES' CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION	**0**	0	0
	197,120	213,356	202,400
EXPENSES			
ADMINISTRATION			
SALARIES – COO	**40,000**	46,982	51,705
SALARIES - OFFICE ADMIN	**67,000**	68,489	70,841
COO – VARIABLE COMP	**0**	0	0
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	**16,000**	16,376	15,000
	123,000	131,847	137,546
RENT	**25,000**	24,302	24,302
POSTAGE	**2,200**	2,352	2,000
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	**3,000**	2,410	2,000
OFFICE MAINTENANCE	**1,000**	1,237	450
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	**250**	90	250
SUPPLIES	**3,000**	4,948	2,000
OFFICE EQUIPMENT - LEASES	**4,000**	2,851	4,000
PROFESSIONAL FEES	**11,000**	13,833	11,000
INSURANCE SUPREME COUNCIL	**5,000**	4,999	4,769
PRINTING	**500**	-654	1,000
COMPUTER	**17,000**	10,161	15,000
SUNDRY	**-1,500**	-5,970	-1,500
	193,450	192,406	202,817

	BUDGET 2026	ACTUAL 2025	BUDGET 2025
ACTIVITIES			
DONATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS			
DEMOLAY	**1,500**	1,500	1,500
MATHESON AWARD	**4,000**	3,000	4,000
PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE			
- PROCEEDINGS (COST)	**0**	0	0
- PROCEEDINGS (SALE)	**0**	0	0
- STATUTES AND REGULATIONS	**0**	-495	0
- RITUALS, MANUALS & LECTURES	**0**	-1,860	0
PUBLIC RELATIONS / COMMUNICATIONS	**2,800**	3752	11,300
PUBLICATION OF THE "CLARION"	**11,000**	9,379	12,000
	19,300	15,276	28,800
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES			
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER	**12,000**	11,517	14,000
LIEUTENANT GRAND COMMANDER	**2,000**	0	2,000
DEPUTIES	**20,000**	9,160	20,458
ADVISORY COUNCIL	**0**	0	0
CONFERENCE FOR DEPUTIES	**0**	0	0
OTHER			
GRAND SECRETARY- GENERAL	**5,000**	3,883	5,000
EXECUTIVE / C O O SECRETARY	**1,000**	213	1,000
LIBRARY - OPERATIONS & RENT	**2,100**	-157	2,150
OTHER COMMITTEES	**2,860**	391	800
150TH ANNIVERSARY	**0**	35,392	35,550
GRAND HISTORIAN	**0**	0	0
OTHER / MILEAGE	**4,000**	4,055	4,000
VIDEO PRODUCTION	**4,000**	17,764	15,000
ATTENDANCE AT OTHER -			
SUPREME COUNCILS / CONFERENCES	**19,800**	23,505	20,300
	72,760	105,723	120,258

	BUDGET 2026	ACTUAL 2025	BUDGET 2025
ANNUAL SESSIONS			
SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION			
FULL 2024 SESSION – OTTAWA		8,318	
EXECUTIVE 2025 SESSION	**500**		500
	500	8,318	500
TOTAL	**286,010**	321,723	352,375
NET OPERATING EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE	**-88,890**	-108,367	-149,975
INVESTMENT INCOME			
INVESTMENT INCOME PLUS REALIZED NET CAPITAL GAINS	**83,000**	103,392	83,000
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE UNREALIZED GAIN [LOSS] ON INVESTMENTS	**-5,890**	-4,975	-66,975
UNREALIZED GAIN [LOSS] ON INVESTMENTS	**TBD AT YEAR END**	260,960	
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	**TBD AT YEAR END**	255,985	

►DEPUTY REPORTS BY PROVINCE◄

Report of the Deputy for
Alberta & Northwest Territories
(Allan L. Long)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

Introduction

It is my pleasure to report on the status and activities of the Valleys of Calgary, Central, Edmonton and Lethbridge. There are strengths as well as weaknesses in all Valley's and attempts are being made to bolster the areas of concerns. As Deputy I have been in each Valley at least two times and have listened to their concerns and have given advice when asked. While still feeling the effects of the recent pandemic I see a slow recovery in the craft and a resurgence of newer leaders taking over the roles.

The following are individual reports on the Valleys and their assessments.

Valley of Calgary

Membership
Calgary LOP-124- Decrease of 6
Delta CRC - 141- Decrease of 16
South Alta Consistory-131- Decrease of 16

The LOP is made up of the area 45 minutes surrounding the city of Calgary. The CRC and Consistory include the Valley of Lethbridge and several from Central Valley.

Communications
The summons are sent out bimonthly but do include updates/changes sent out by the Grand Secretary on a regular basis. They have reactivated the website and some of the members are using a Facebook account.

Leadership
The Leadership of the Valley has been stabilizing since the pandemic. They meet regularly for executive meetings, usually on a Teams meeting so as to include those who are out of town. The 33rd's of the Valley meet for a luncheon 4 times a year and discussion of Valley health is discussed. Their Commander in Chief serves for 2-year terms and the TPGM and MWS serve for 1 year. I have suggested that 2 year terms may help the stabilization of the Valley.

The strength in the numbers of the Valley is still in decline but has started to level out. They have some dedicated brethren who are planning to implement Master Masons Nights with ideas gleaned from the Membership Committee of the Supreme Council and the Grand Secretary

General
A Night at the Rite is being put forward in June and some new twists are being applied to the old Master Masons Nights of the past.

There tends to be good camaraderie in the Valley and the three bodies work well together. They have had excellent Gala events such as the 150th Anniversary Open House at Freemasons Hall in Calgary followed by an excellent banquet. They regularly hold Christmas Dinner, a Welcome back barbeque in September and good Reunion Banquets. Their finances are in good shape and should remain so for the foreseeable future.

Valley of Central Alberta

Membership
LOP -39 - Decrease of 2

Membership of the Valley consist of the area between Calgary and Edmonton, which is 2 of the Grand Lodge Districts. They meet in the Lacombe Masonic Hall which is approximately 25 Kms north of the City of Red Deer. This past year they had 1 new member and 3 ready to start the 4th degree. There is a core of new members that have taken offices is the past two years but still require the assistance of repeat PTPGM's. They will need to conscript new members to replace the older members who have done the heavy hauling in the past.

Communications
The Valley communications are done by the monthly summons and by members WhatsApp. The lodge had an excellent Zoom series of meeting during the pandemic but this appears to have fallen by the wayside. The executive state that they may embrace this in the future for Executive meetings.

Leadership
Valley leadership has seen a change in many of its' line officers as well as the Gr. Treasurer. The Secretary took on the roll last year and is finding his way with the assistance of the former Secretary. There has been a number of the active senior brethren who have had some medical issues which has limited their attendance at the meetings and functions. They still participate and give advice but the newer officers will need to step up and to use the resources that are available.

The program is very acceptable. There is an annual "Free Barbeque" at a lovely rural community hall overlooking the Red Deer River that is well attended by wives and family. The annual Christmas party includes family and friends. They provide a variety of charitable donations to the surrounding area and are very generous in their time to assist the membership. Their finances are in good shape and have been given a positive evaluation by the auditors.

Valley of Edmonton

Membership
Edmonton LOP - 196 - Decrease of 17
Mizpah CRC -224 - Decrease of 7
Alberta Consistory- 244- Decrease of 3

The membership of Edmonton comes from areas in Northern Alberta. The Chapter and Consistory includes many of the members from Central Valley.

Communications
Valley communications are by monthly summons and by WhatsApp. The Valley has an active website and use Zoom for some Executive meetings. They embrace modern technology both at meetings as well as outside.

Leadership
Valley leadership is fairly strong in each of the 3 bodies and the executive appear to share the load. For the most part they have a stable progression of officers who serve a 2-year term. They appear to have continuity from year to year. They are supported by several dedicated 33rd's.

The reunion banquets are well attended and done well. The have had annual Christmas and Barbeque gatherings for family. The Investments are doing well and the Audit committee has reported favourable.

The Valley is the strongest in the province but has undergone significant losses in the last dozen or so years. Most of this has been from non-reported losses in previous years which have been reconciled prior to the pandemic and since the move from Freemasons Hall in downtown Edmonton to the Al Shamal Shrine Centre.

Valley of Lethbridge

Membership
LOP - 42- (note that there were 10 affiliations from Medicine Hat Valley and 3 new members)

Membership of the Valley is primarily from the lodges of southern part of the province, primarily from the 3 lodges in City of Lethbridge area. There is a strong competition in these lodges to draw the members into Capitular Masonry as well the Valley so some brethren are strained both financially and time commitment to balance their family and work life with their obligations to the Craft. In general, there have been a significant loss of Masonic lodges in the Southern part of the province and there are a few lodges that a barely hanging on. Rural Lodges that once had several members in the Valley have gone dark and others have trouble just keeping their own functions alive and no longer have a presence in the LOP.

Communication
Valley communication consists mainly in the monthly summons although mainly of the younger members keep in touch using Facebook as an avenue to keep in touch. The Secretary is diligent in sending communications via email on other activities. They are also very good at using the telephone to keep in touch with the older brethren.

Leadership
Leadership in Lethbridge Valley has been steady in the past and appears that it will continue in the near future. The Grand Secretary has been a foundation of the Valley for well over a decade and is a constant resource for the membership. They have lost the regular support of a number of their 33rd's due to illness/advanced age. I have suggested to them that a 2-year term may help in gaining experience in the leadership in the years to come·.

The Supreme Council auditors have reported that financial status is fine and that the 3-year forecast is sustainable.

The members appear to be tight knit and enjoy their fellowship. They have a number of social activities includes family events including a barbeque at a member's acreage and a lively Christmas party with lively "gift exchange'. Several of their members are active officers in the Rose Croix and Consistory in Calgary, making the 2-hour trek on a regular basis. The members that amalgamated from Medicine Hat do not regularly attend. I suspect this is due to advanced age and traveling at night.

Conclusion
Scottish Rite Masonry is continuing its presence in the Province and is well respected among the leaders of the Craft. I have attended each of the Valleys and at least two visits and have held a side meeting with the Valley Executive on my Official Visits. I have both taught and have learned from them. The resources from Supreme Council, which are available on the website are discussed and it is my understanding that they are starting to use some of them such as Play Bills and Pre/Post Degree Explanations.

Focus on delivery of the work has been stressed, especially the memorization of the work. We need to do better and lead by example.

Leadership training needs to be available for the Valleys. It is my understanding that there are correspondence courses available and I will be researching these in the future. It is my hope that we can

put together a training session for Valley Officers which will include such areas as protocols, jurisprudence, how to conduct a festive board etc. This will assist in strengthening the Valleys.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Supreme Council for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan L. Long, 33°
Deputy for Alberta and North West Territories

Report of the Deputy for
British Columbia & Yukon Territory
(Douglas G. Easton)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I am pleased to submit the report on Scottish Rite Freemasonry in British Columbia and Yukon (BC&Y) for the year 2024-2025.

Preface
During 2024 and to date in 2025 I have made official visits to 8 of the 10 Valleys in BC&Y with the remaining Valleys to be visited later this year. My assessment of a Valley's health is based on the Official visits, telephone calls, emails, Zoom meetings and the assistance of two BC&Y Active Members, Illustrious Brother John L. "Jack" Barr, 33°, and Illustrious Brother Karl Springer, 33°. I appreciate their sage advice and first-hand knowledge of the Valleys in their areas.

Scottish Rite Valleys in BC&Y are financially strong, with an engaged membership and are growing – albeit slowly. All 10 Valleys were successful in receiving, for the 2nd consecutive year, Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Deputy awards which have been very well received by the local charities they support and has raised the profile of Scottish Rite.

Two Scottish Rite Masons in the Province of British Columbia were honoured by receiving the John Ross Matheson Award which were presented to them by our Sovereign Grand Commander.

The reports below follow the approved template and the 2024 Provincial Deputies Checklist.

Valley of Campbell River
Strathcona LOP (50) –2 new members loss of 2 - stable
Official Visit: November 19th & 20th,2024

Membership
Membership in this geographically large Valley is drawn from several craft lodges but only one is local to Campbell River; the next closest lodge is one hour away by car. Members sense an increase of interest in Scottish Rite over other fraternal groups as the Lodge has been more active with education and general socializing. The Executive Committee led by the TPGM, has focused on being strong supporters of their craft lodges which has attracted new membership in the Valley.

Communication
All notices arrive in a timely fashion via email. The sole member not on the Internet receives all notices through Canada Post. The Valley is not currently considering a website as it lacks the expertise. This

Valley and Colville LOP in Nanaimo are working together on conferring the degrees of Perfection. The relationship is strong and assists each in fellowship, attendance, and interest.

Leadership
There is now an active Executive Council for the Valley. Much work in planning the Valley program is being undertaken by the senior officers of the Valley, with the feedback and assistance of the HIGs. This cooperation works well and is effective.

Fellowship
The Valley enjoys excellent fellowship and although it does not put a Burn's Night on itself, the degree conferred at the Discovery Lodge Burn's Night was presented by all but one member of the Valley. The Sovereign Grand Commander was in attendance along with the Grand Master of BC & Y.

Uniqueness of the Valley
The Valley is very large and to accommodate the membership the degrees presented in extenso are moved to lodge building locations where most of the class resides. This creates extended fellowship and a larger community.

For the second year in a row the Valley has been awarded the Deputies Award from the SRCF and it has been well received by the Special Olympics which Valley members assist at.

Education & Enlightenment
This year the Valley has focused on the conferral of degrees which have been excellently delivered from memory. Members who are receiving the Lodge of Perfection degrees have been very impressed as well as those members present. Use of Playbills and other degree explanations has been extensively used.

Financial Health of the Valley
The Valley is in excellent financial health and is well managed. All reporting has been completed for Supreme Council on time and all payments have been made.

General Comment
The general membership continues to be busy in other Masonic bodies but has made special efforts to ensure the State of the Rite remains strong. The Valley's health in the short, medium and long-term is excellent. The warm fellowship present within this Valley is always evident, and this makes visitors want to return.

Valley of Nanaimo
Colville LOP (81) – up 4 from previous year
Official Visit: January 24th,2024

Membership
The membership of the Colville LOP continues to be strong and is listed as 81 members as of December 31st, 2024. The Valley gained an additional 4 members in 2024.

The LOP's membership strategy is to continue to have an information package, which includes Scottish Rite information and an application form for the Valley of Nanaimo, handed out to all newly raised Master Masons in the Valley's jurisdiction. The month of September is the target for all applications with balloting occurring that same month. There has been a concerted effort to have the "new" Scottish Rite Freemasons take part in degrees, even if it is not a speaking part. The Valley of Nanaimo had 4 candidates in 2024 and has worked closely with the Valley of Campbell River moving these new members through the Lodge of Perfection degrees.

Communication
All communications are sent out via email; when a member does not have an email address, a monthly summons and copy of the former month's minutes are posted to his last known address. The Valley newsletter is also distributed this way.

All communications received by the Grand Secretary deemed suitable for the membership are also sent by email

Leadership
The Past TPGMs and HIGs continue to play an active role in the Valley. When degrees are conferred and event planning is undertaken, they are always requested to attend. Executive Committee meetings are held prior to the lodge of Perfection meeting. The Valley continues to focus on membership. The Valley has a strong succession plan for Officers in place for the upcoming years.
The Valley has worked closely with Supreme Council to ensure that everything is in place for the 2028 Annual Session which will be held in Nanaimo.

Fellowship
The Valley is welcoming to all and are excellent hosts who have excellent festive boards with lots of discussions, laughter, and enjoyment. The Valley has also had Golf Tournaments that have been very successful

Uniqueness of the Valley
The Valley membership, leadership and HIG's have supported the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of BC&Y 4 times, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch of BC&Y, The Giza Shine Ceremonial of BC&Y and in 2028 Supreme Council. I'm unaware of this occurring anywhere else in Canada.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley has delivered the communicated degrees from memory which has been very impressive to the class and has led to much discussion regarding the underlying meanings and symbols. All senior officers receive mentorship from the HIG's and the two JRM award recipients.

Financial Health of the Valley
The Valley is in excellent financial shape with a strong balance sheet. The Valley reviews dues to ensure they are appropriate for the Valley. The Valley is up to date with all reporting and payments to Supreme Council.

General Comment
The Valley is well run with active participation. The Rite is in good hands and there are no short, medium or long-term concerns to report.

Valley of Fraser Valley
Fraser Valley LOP (77)
Fraser Valley CRC (76)
Official Visit: Virtual – phone discussion during the year.

Membership
The Lodge of Perfection membership is stable and over the last year several members from the Valley of Vancouver have affiliated to be closer to where they live. Newer members have shown an interest in Scottish Rite and are participating in degree work in the Lodge of Perfection. They are also regularly attending meetings with their Craft Lodges, and this has resulted in further proposals for Scottish Rite membership. As new younger members complete the Lodge of Perfection degrees, they are looking to proceed on to the Chapter Rose Croix which will bolster membership.

Communication
All communications of meetings are by email. Additionally, any correspondence from Supreme Council is forwarded to the membership in a timely manner.

Leadership
A strong group of Principal Officers is in place. Succession plans have been developed which recognize that there may be unanticipated reasons for an officer stepping aside. In such circumstances the membership immediately steps forward to provide support. The idea of two-year term has been discussed as a possible way to build stronger teams of officers and to give consistency to the work of the Valley. Executive meetings are held before the official meeting of the Valley. The Advisory Committee of HIGs remains in place.

Fellowship
The Valley has had events over the past year and will celebrate the end of the Masonic year with a barbeque. Several members are attending the SRCF BC Learning Centre Charity Golf Tournament at the end of May (I expect that there will be a number of stories from the foursomes in attendance).

Uniqueness of the Valley
The Valley is fortunate in having several excellent ritualists that make the degrees even more meaningful. These Illustrious brethren have assisted other Valleys around the Province with the conferral of degrees.

The Valley, for the 2nd year in a row has received a Deputy Award which they have presented to a local charity thus raising Scottish Rites profile.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley's HIG's play a prominent role in Education within the Valley. HIG's give several lectures and degree explanations and thus show active participation and a willingness to engage in discussion which supports engaged membership.

Financial Health of the Valley
Overall, the Valley is in excellent financial health. The Valley may have to relocate buildings in the future but has the financial resources to do this. Electronic paperwork to Supreme Council is being filed by the Valley. Payment of the annual assessment will be made shortly.

General Comment
Strong leadership and good succession planning in the Valley mean that future of the Valley is good. Craft Lodges in the area are slowly growing which means the membership of the Valley will remain strong. The State of the Rite is positive in the short, medium and long terms.

Valley of Kamloops
Thompson Valley LOP (55) previous year (52)
Thomson CRC (54) previous year (51)
Official Visit: April 18th-19th,2024

Membership
The Valley has a strong and dedicated membership; the Lodge of Perfection celebrates its 50th anniversary in September 2025 and the Valley is working hard to make it a success. The Valley has experienced this year the loss of long serving members called to the Grand Lodge above which has resulted in new and younger members stepping up. The Chapter Rose Croix has mirrored the membership and challenges of the Lodge of Perfection. The new initiates into the Valley are younger in age which is improving the Valley's long-term stability. This year the Valley has worked in cooperation with the Valley of Vernon to complete compulsory degrees for candidates.

Communication
All correspondence to members is electronic. The Grand Secretary manages all correspondence to Brethren which includes meetings, education, and social events. Valley members are kept well informed.

Leadership
The Valley continues to embrace the idea of strong leadership through succession planning. As a result, there is in place a system of strong Brothers who will advance through the chairs in both bodies (Perfection and Rose Croix). The Leadership of the Valley will be in the hands of some exciting Brothers in the years to come. Many of the elected officers, both past and present, have developed their leadership skills in the Craft Lodges and there is a strong support network of past TPGMs, MWS's and HIGs which continue to diligently seek the best brethren for the job of leading the Valley. The Executive and Executive Council, with strong support from the HIG's and the Past Active, are effective in keeping the Valley strong and on course.

Fellowship
The Valley has an active schedule with events for Scottish Rite Masons, Masons and spouses. Additionally, there is both a regular coffee and regular luncheon that members can attend

Uniqueness of the Valley
This Valley has initiated a Fund for an Annual Scholarship of $1,000 at Thompson Rivers University to support any student whose studies are related to "Puzzles of the Mind" (e.g., Teaching, Medical Studies, and Medical Research Studies).

In September 2025 the Lodge of Perfection celebrates its 50th Anniversary which will be attended by the SGC.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley is truly fortunate to have several members whose background in education makes for quality and fascinating presentations at meetings. This, together with receiving the Deputy's award again this year, has created a positive atmosphere and a willingness to look for new ideas for the Valley.

Financial Health of the Valley
The Valley is in excellent financial shape; however, they are still working on their submissions to Supreme Council because of the passing of their long-serving Grand Treasurer. This is a short-term challenge which will be resolved shortly.

General Statement
The Valley is in excellent overall financial health, has engaged membership, but like the craft in general has an aging membership. Because of its financial health and the participation of young Scottish Rite Masons the near, medium and long-term health of the Valley is good.

Valley of Kootenay (Castlegar / Nelson)
Kootenay-Boundary LOP (21) – 2 new members, one affiliate, one passing, net change +2
Kokanee CRC (21) – 1 member change in membership
Official Visit: October 27-30th, 2024

Membership
Membership in the Valley has increased which is linked to an increased interest in the Craft Lodges. Scottish Rite is the only concordant body in the immediate area and the geography and distances involved mean that finding new members for the Valley is a slow process. Scottish Rite members are supporting the local Craft Lodges, and the current Grand Secretary is also the District Deputy Grand Master for BC&Y. It is hoped that the recovery of the local Craft Lodges will result in growth in Scottish Rite.

Beneficial inter-Valley cooperation continues with the Vernon Valley which has shown a willingness to organize a reunion of Rose Croix when required. Both Perfection and Rose Croix have now had their installations with some change of officers. The Valley also benefits from affiliates from the Spokane Valley, giving much support to the membership.

Communication
The Grand Secretary sends notices via email while by preference a group of nine brethren continue to receive their communications by mail. The notice gives details of upcoming meetings and events, but internal emails and phone calls are also used extensively to keep the brethren in touch. Additionally, the Grand Secretary is participating in the membership committee lead by the GSG and is deploying ideas generated within the Valley.

Leadership
The leadership is strong, and this has been recognized by the Craft Lodges in the area with Grand Lodge appointments. This means that Craft Masons wanting to expand their Masonic knowledge have an avenue to achieve this, and this connection also offers the Valley a chance to speak to individuals about Scottish Rite. With the SGC visiting the Valley and the Valley having to two JRM award winners, membership pride and interest has increased.

Fellowship
The HIGs and the 2 JRM award recipients of this Valley participate regularly, and the resulting fellowship is great.

The Valley participated in a JRM award night at the Kootenay Lodge of Education and Research to present Scottish Rite to a large audience. Craft Masons from every lodge in the district, as well as all Grand Lodge Officers in the area, were in attendance and listened intently to the SGC. The Valley has been a major contributor to the Learning Centre in Vancouver.

Uniqueness of the Valley
Two features are unique to this Valley. The Valley owns a dedicated lodge room specifically for Scottish Rite in Trail BC. This accomplishment was achieved by a Valley of 22 members. Additionally, because of the Valley's proximity to Washington State members from the USA attend and take part in the Valley's activities.

Education & Enlightenment
The Grand Secretary of the Valley has been instrumental in creating a lodge of Education and Research in the District and has held a Grand Masonic Day. These efforts are an enabler for the Valley's Education and Enlightenment.

Financial Health of the Valley
The Valley is in excellent financial health with very few expenses. It has over $1k in reserve for every member as well as a property asset. This has allowed annual membership dues to remain reasonable.

General Statement
Although small in comparison with other Scottish Rite Valleys this Valley demonstrates what can be done when Scottish Rite Masons work together. The short, medium and long term health of the Valley is good.

Valley of Prince George
Cariboo LOP (57) plus 1 from previous year
New Caledonia CRC (69) stable – same as previous year
Official Visit – Discussion with new Grand Secretary and HIG's - May 3rd, 2025

Membership
Membership in the Valley has remained stable. Regular meetings are again taking place and lodge officers have moved to new positions. The most significant the change for the Valley is the installation of a new Grand Secretary/Registrar - Ill. Bro. Keith Hildebrand, 32°, has succeeded Ill. Bro. Rod Holmes, 33°, who has held the position for many years. Lodge or Chapter meetings, draw brethren from a large area of B.C. Some members travel between two and four hours to attend, and have a similar journey home the same evening. Such commitment must be applauded. Personal connections between brethren are the norm and the foundation for how this Valley achieves applications. Many of the Valley members also strongly support Craft Lodge life and they typically approach their Lodge brethren and suggest they "consider extending their Masonic journey by submitting applications".

Communication
The Valley continues to use email as their primary method of informing the membership about meetings and news. Additionally, phone calls are made to individual members to buttress these communications.

Leadership
Both the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix have strong leadership supported by their new Grand Secretary. Succession planning is in place and the Valley identifies for brethren the expectations of offices and the three-to-five-year commitment they are making when taking on a senior office. The HIGs are a strong support team for the Valley even though they are scattered over a large geographical area. Their regular support demonstrates their strong interest in and love of the Rite. The Valley has a robust cohort of brethren who have been in office for several years. They are now helping ensure the consistency of programs as well as offering mentorship to new officers.

Fellowship
Fellowship within the Valley is strongly encouraged and the members see each other between meetings in the various craft lodges within the district. Many of the members have taken leadership roles within the Grand Lodge of BC&Y which mean they are well know and sought out for advice.

Uniqueness of the Valley
The geographic area of this Valley is huge and draws members from craft lodges that practice 3 of the 4 official rituals approved by the Grand Lodge of BC&Y. Drawing members from such a diverse ritual background makes the Valley vibrant – there is always lots of discussion.

Education & Enlightenment
Education and Enlightenment is provided by items emailed or sent via Canada Post by the Grand Secretary as well as through discussion at meetings.

Financial Health of the Valley
With a change over of lodge officers this last year the financial filings with Supreme Council are still being worked on. My assessment is that the Valley is on sound financial footing which will be evident when the paperwork is reviewed by the Audit Committee.

General Statement
Craft Lodges within the area of this Valley are still recovering from Covid but are growing. This means the Valley should experience a slow growth of membership. Given its solid financial base, the short, medium and long-term health of the Valley is good.

Valley of Prince Rupert
Skeena LOP (30) - +2 change in membership
Virtual Official Visit: May 25th, 2025

Membership

Membership increased by 2 in 2024. Craft Lodges in the area are recovering and are attracting new and younger members. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon held its Annual Communications in Terrace in 2024. The hope is that the Annual Communications and the influx of younger men and their families because of large infrastructure projects will result in an increase in Masonic membership and that Scottish Rite will benefit from this renewed interest in Masonry.

The New Caledonia Chapter of Rose Croix (Prince George) supports this Valley despite being 350-miles distant from Terrace. The members of this Valley can only progress through Scottish Rite by travelling. Given the membership within the Prince Rupert LOP, conferrals of Perfection Degrees are challenging however as foreshadowed by my last report the LOP planned and recently held a reunion. The Prince George Valley will continue to support the Prince Rupert Valley through reunions for Rose Croix and the current MWS is from Terrace.

For 19th through 32nd degree completion, Prince Rupert and Prince George members must travel to Vancouver which is a multiple day journey or to the Morningstar Consistory in Vernon. The BC Consistory reunion occurs in October, and the Morningstar Consistory is discussing holding a re-union as well. This will give the Valley alternatives for advancing members to the 32°.

Communication

Email remains the standard process through which members receive notices of meetings. Personal contacts are made through email and phone calls.

Leadership

Officers are elected for two years. The pool of Past TPGMs is small. Much of the work of the Valley is through communications with the Grand Secretary and TPGM. Long-time Grand Secretary Ill. Bro. Stephen Finnigan, 32°, has recently stepped down and has been replaced by Past TPGM Ill. Bro. Darcy Netzel, 32°. New TPGM Ill. Bro. John Van Damme, 32°, is working hard to document processes and requirements in the Valley.

Fellowship

Fellowship within the Valley is very important and is strong. The HIG's in the Valley set the tone and show their active participation. This has led to a warm and welcoming Valley that is prepared to assist both within the fraternity and outside.

Uniqueness of the Valley

This small Valley has now received the SRCF Deputy Award for two consecutive years, assisted the Grand Lodge of BC&Y host their Annual Communication. The Valley proves the adage that with active participation great things can be accomplished.

Education & Enlightenment

The Valley has focused on supporting the Craft Lodges in the area and informing brethren about Scottish Rite. The Valley therefore has not yet put a formal education process in place but does provide the Valley members with education information from Supreme Council.

Financial Health of the Valley

With the change in officers including the long serving Grand Secretary, filing with Supreme Council has been slow this year. This is a transition issue. I have reviewed the finances of the Valley and they are sufficient for ongoing operations in the short, medium and long terms.

General Comment

With major projects planned for the area, and a solid balance sheet, the Rite is in good hands. The growth of Scottish Rite should be slow but steady.

Valley of Vancouver
Vancouver LOP (127) – 130 in 2023
Vancouver CRC (119) – 124 in 2023
British Columbia CON (239) – 271 in 2023
Official Visit: March 15th – 16th, 2025

Membership
Valley membership stabilized across all three bodies in 2024. Some members have transferred to the Fraser Valley because of commute times in Greater Vancouver and the abnormally high amount of road construction. Core membership in the Valley is strong, and it's expected that membership in 2025 will slowly increase.

Much of the membership success of the Valley is due to Senior Officers of the bodies who are working hard to encourage class members and do degree work and the engagement of the HIGs. New members are encouraged to support the bodies by taking parts in the degrees – truly the only way to learn and understand the work of the degree - and to build an immediate connection within the Valley. New members can meet members from various Craft Lodges in the Lower Mainland which has encouraged attendance after receiving the degrees.

The BC Consistory of the Valley serves the broader Province in two respects. It is the only Consistory that confers the degrees as a reunion although Morning Star Consistory in Vernon is considering a reunion model. This allows brethren from Northern BC to fly in and receive the Consistory degrees over a two-day period. The reunion approach also assists other brethren from around the Province by providing brethren who have been unable to attend conferrals of one or more of the obligatory degrees in their Consistory, with an opportunity to achieve those degrees.

Communication
Members receive their communications by email. By request, some senior members and those who cannot typically attend receive notice by mail. Some have declined to receive communications but wish to remain as members. All members receive invoices, and the full year calendar of events. A newsletter is distributed at regular intervals during the year.

Leadership
The Principal Officers, the Executive Committee and Advisory Council continue to meet on a regular basis. The strong support of the HIGs who willingly step in to assist with degree work and planning, benefits the Valley and the Officers of the three bodies. The task to rebuild degree teams with younger members is ongoing. A Ritual Coordinator is established for all degrees.

Fellowship
Over the last year the Valley hosted an extremely well received "Gala" celebrating the SRCF Learning Centre moving into new office facilities in the New Vancouver Masonic Centre. The Valley at the end of May 2025 has a golf tournament organized. Registration, a sign of participation, has been brisk and it is expected that the event will be sold out.

Uniqueness of the Valley
This is the oldest continuously operating Valley in the Province and a major shareholder in the Vancouver Masonic Centre. Members of the Valley were responsible for establishing the SRCF BC Learning Centre in the early 2000's and continue being a major supporter both with funds but more importantly volunteers who have taken on director roles in the NFP and Charitable Society.

Education & Enlightenment
Educational presentations have continued at meetings and have been highlighted in notices. The Education on my official visit was particularly intriguing. Titled "Having better conversations about conspiracy theories", it was presented by Ill. Wes Regan, 32°, who is completing his PhD. The topic could

have been controversial but instead was an engaging, thought-provoking discussion with lots of questions from the Illustrious Brethren.

Financial Health of the Valley
The Valley is in a strong financial position and has taken action to continue this situation by increasing initiation fees for all three bodies as well as annual membership dues. The Valley has reviewed all expenses with a view to reducing costs. It has been identified that continuation of Supreme Council's insurance costs have no possible benefit to the Valley as insurance is already necessarily in place due to the Valley's role as a building owner. This means the Valley continues to subsidize Valleys outside of British Columbia.

General Statement
The Valley has been proactive in addressing both membership and it's cost structure to ensure that the Rite remains strong in the short, medium and long terms.

Valley of Vernon
Okanagan LOP (112) previous year (105)
Moray CRC (95) previous year (99)
Morning Star CON (109) previous year (113)
Official Visit: - April 3rd – 4th, 2025

Membership
The Valley's lodge of Perfection grew in 2024 grew by over 6% in 2024 with modest losses in the Chapter Rose Croix and Morningstar Consistory. The losses in the Chapter and Consistory were sadly the result of membership deaths. New candidates are currently progressing through the Lodge of Perfection. Interest in Scottish Rite remains high, and with Craft Lodges in the area initiating new Masons, Scottish Rite will benefit in future years.

Communication
Communication between the members of the Valley of Vernon is by phone and/or email. The Valley has now implemented a website which will assist in communication.

Leadership
Strong leadership is in place and there is a succession plan for officers supported by the HIG's. Presiding Officers have worked both within the Valley and in cooperation with the Valley of Kamloops to ensure that degrees are conferred in a timely manner and to a high standard.

The Valley has an Advisory Committee that normally meets twice a year in March and October and informally when deemed necessary. The incoming senior officers of all three bodies normally attend a meeting in April, the purpose of which is to listen to plans for the coming year as well as review the rosters of officers, checking for duplications, commitment, and interest.

The HIGs of the Valley are highly active, constantly monitoring and mentoring the activities of the three bodies. A high standard is always expected from the members. Many members of the Valley also have a high profile in Craft Masonry in the area.

Fellowship
The Valley plans and continues to have major events throughout the year. Weekly they have a coffee club and often have lunches – both are well attended. This year the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of BC &Y will be held in the Valley and many Scottish Rite members are assisting. For the 2nd consecutive year, the Valley has been successful in receiving a SRCF Deputy's award which creates an opportunity for Valley members to get together.

Uniqueness of the Valley
Of the five Valleys in the interior of British Columbia Vernon Valley is the only one with a Consistory (Morningstar). The plan to move to a re-union weekend will encourage members in the other 4 Valleys to advance to the 32°.

Education & Enlightenment
The Valley has made use of the Education and Enlightenment information created by Supreme Council with links distributed to the membership by email. USB Library Sticks have also been purchased from Supreme Council and are mailed to brethren who request a stick.

Financial Health of the Valley
The Valley is in a strong financial position with sufficient funds to operate effectively. The Valley has an approved new set of by-laws and is currently working on lodge policies consistent with the by-laws to ensure appropriate checks and balances are in place.

The Valley has worked closely with the Kamloops Valley on the future conferral of degrees. There has also been interest in having a re-union for the Interior Valleys to spread ritual between a larger number of members and ensure even better-quality delivery.

Valley by-laws are being reviewed by Supreme Council and feedback when received will be looked at in the coming months.

General Comment
Scottish Rite in the Okanagan has a solid growing membership, delivers ritual from memory very well and has strong leadership and great hospitality. If this continues the Rite will remain successful in the short, medium and long term.

Valley of Victoria
Victoria LOP (123) previous year (127)
Victoria CRC (202) previous year (201)
Vancouver Island CON (180) previous year (181)
Official Visit: December 10th, 2024

Membership
The Valley (LOP) draws its membership from Craft Lodges in Greater Victoria. Each of the Craft Lodges have Scottish Rite members who play major roles as officers, ritualists, and mentors. It is through these connections that membership proposals come forward. The decline in Valley membership (unfortunately due in large degree to the deaths of senior members) appears to have plateaued. New classes entering Scottish Rite are smaller reflecting the overall smaller size of Craft Lodges. The average age of Valley members has dropped with younger Masons now joining.

The Chapter Rose Croix and the Vancouver Island Consistory have both halted the significant drops in membership reported last year and both have benefited from members of the Colville Lodge of Perfection and the Strathcona Lodge of Perfection. It should be noted that the journey to attend a meeting from these “up-Island” locations is a round trip of four to six hours. Younger members still working cannot attend without taking time off work and older members don’t like the late-night drive. The Valley Executive Committee is looking to pilot an Island Rose Croix and Island Consistory in-person meetings to reduce the travel barrier, or have a reunion.

Communication
The main means of communication is the Valley’s Notice and Summons and any messages from the Supreme Council or the SRCF are sent to the Illustrious Brethren. Email is used for most of the brethren in the Valley of Victoria, and Canada Post is used by request for a small number (27) of the brethren. The

Valley does not have a website although brethren have been made aware of Supreme Council's web page and a number are using it.

Leadership
The Valley of Victoria's creation of an Executive Committee still has some growing pains and members are working to better understand their roles. The Committee has assisted with the operation of the Valley and helps plan calendars, leadership succession and degree cast members. Officers and HIG's have taken an active role to ensure Valley success.

Fellowship
The Valley plans and continues to have events throughout the year. A weekly coffee club is in place and there are often lunches that are well attended. For the 2nd consecutive year, the Valley has been successful in receiving the SRCF Deputy's award which creates an opportunity for Valley members to get together.

Uniqueness of the Valley
Of the three Valleys on Vancouver Island, the Valley of Victoria has the only Chapter Rose Croix and Consistory (Consistory) drawing its membership from every Craft Lodge on Vancouver Island. The plan is to look at re-unions which will encourage greater membership, however weekends are challenging to schedule given other Masonic activity.

Education & Enlightenment
When meeting the Valley utilizes both the Summons/Notice and the Supreme Council's playbills to provide an overview of the relevant degree. Illustrious Brother Matthew Clark, 33°, has provided the Valley and Valleys across North America and beyond interesting Education pieces. Illustrious Brother Stephen Godfrey, 33°, Past Deputy and Past Active has also provided the Valley with interesting education.

Financial Health of the Valley
The Valley has adjusted annual membership dues to cover normal operating costs and continues to project and consider requirements for the future. The Valley has significant investments to cover extraordinary expenses and charitable work. The investments continue to be managed affectively balancing both liquidity requirements and return.

General Comment
The Valley of Victoria is now into its second 100 years and has a solid and growing membership and sufficient financial resources to manage any future crisis. This means the state of the Rite remains strong in the short, medium and long terms.

Closing Comment
During the 5 years I have had the honour of serving the 10 Valleys in British Columbia as Deputy of BC&Y, I have seen improvements in membership, delivery of ritual, fellowship, vitality and financial well being. New membership in the Rite is typically from a younger demographic and these members are eager to both learn about Scottish Rite and to participate in degrees. The SRCF Deputy Award has had 100% participation and success for 2 consecutive years and all Valleys are looking for opportunities for this coming year – they have seen the benefits in their communities and the results have been very motivating.

I am looking forward to the Fall of 2025 when four of the Valleys are preparing for the visit of the Sovereign Grand Commander and all of the B&Y Valleys are looking at how they can support the Valley of Nanaimo as they prepare for holding the 2028 Annual Session of Supreme Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas G. Easton, 33°
Deputy for British Columbia & Yukon

Report of the Deputy for
Manitoba & Nunavut Territory
(Gordon L. Greasley)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I respectfully submit this, my report as the Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory, on the Valley of Brandon and the Valley of Winnipeg for 2024-2025.

Both Valleys are well into their recovery from the loss of knowledge and experience during the extended shutdown. Both Valleys are delivering full fraternal programs, although there is still pressure assembling cast lists for the larger degrees.

We were saddened by the loss of Past Active member Ill. Bro. Rozin D. Iwanicki, 33º. Bro. Roz was my predecessor as Deputy, and I cherished his mentorship from the day I joined the Rite. He was a friend to all and a true Mason. His life and passing are commemorated elsewhere in these proceedings.

We were saddened as well by the passing of two Honorary Inspectors-General – Ill. Bro. William Hunter, 33°, and Ill. Bro. J. David Logan, 33°. Their lives and passing are also commemorated elsewhere in these proceedings.

Valley of Brandon

The Valley continues to meet monthly from September through May. The Valley also meets socially throughout the summer.

Membership
The Valley of Brandon initiated one new member in 2024-25. Membership in the Lodge of Perfection increased to 28 members.

Communication
The Valley has a monthly bulletin and communicates by email on an as-needed basis. Members are in frequent formal and informal contact with each other through fraternal bodies, community organizations and personal friendships.

Leadership
Given the small size of the Valley, officers tend to hold the same positions over time, and the three bodies have overlapping officer slates. The Valley offers officer positions to new members once they have completed their degrees.

Financial Health
The financial affairs of the Valley of Brandon are managed responsibly, and the financial position of the Valley is expected to be stable in the next 5 years. The Valley typically breaks even or runs a small surplus. In 2024, changes to the management structure of one scholarship fund resulted in a one-time charge, leading to a small deficit.

The Valley has a scholarship fund, and grants awards to local college students. The Valley submitted a proposal for the SRCF's Deputy's Award this year.

Valley Improvement Plans
The Valley has not initiated a process for developing a Valley improvement plan.

Fellowship
Valley members form a close-knit group, meeting often for formal and informal social events. Spouses are often included in these events.

Valley of Winnipeg

The three bodies of the Valley of Winnipeg meet sequentially throughout the year, on a semi-monthly or monthly basis depending on the degree schedule. The Valley has made progress rebuilding the degree cast lists with an influx of new members.

Membership
The Valley of Winnipeg initiated eight new members in 2024-25.

Valley membership declined from 110 to 99, with 5 initiations, 6 deaths (including a 2022 death reported in 2024), 5 demits and 5 suspensions.

Communication
The Valley has a monthly bulletin and communicates by email on an as-needed basis. Distribution of Supreme Council materials remains an issue.

Leadership
The Valley installed new officers in all three bodies in May 2025. Most of the newest Sublime Princes were installed as officers in the various bodies, and most have indicated a desire to take on ritual work in the fall. However, cross-membership of officers in the various bodies is common.

The principal officers in all three bodies have extensive leadership experience in Craft and concordant bodies, while most of the junior officers are up and coming leaders.

Financial Health
The Valley's financial health continues to present a serious medium-term risk. Last year, the Valley reduced its high rent costs by giving up space in its robing room in return for a significant reduction in rent. This has provided some financial breathing room, but the long-term forecast suggests the use of the Masonic Memorial Centre will not be financially sustainable.

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has also identified the cost of operating the building as a future concern, both for the Grand Lodge and the tenant lodges.

The Valley of Winnipeg will submit a proposal for the SRCF's Deputy's Award this year.

Valley Improvement Plans
The Valley has not initiated a process for developing a Valley improvement plan.

Fellowship
The Valley holds an annual Christmas party at the Neal Bardal Funeral Centre. Ill. Bro. Neil Bardal, 33°, was an innovative funeral director who created an open and welcoming space for celebrations of life, and his son Ill. Bro. Erik Bardal, 32°, continues Neil's business and Masonic legacy.

Valley officers have recognized the need for additional social events. However, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba's 150th Anniversary celebration diverted a considerable number of resources and attention from the active membership in 2024-25.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba strives to ensure cooperation and harmony amongst the Masonic Family. As part of our support, I also routinely attended the bi-monthly meetings of the Masonic Family Committee

for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. I also had the honour and pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council at several Masonic events. The close ties between the Grand Lodge and the several Masonic bodies have enhanced fraternal cooperation and social intercourse.

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon L. Greasley, 33°
Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory

Report of the Deputy for
New Brunswick
(Graham A. Fraser)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

It is my pleasure to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys of Fredericton, Moncton, and Saint John.

Valley of Fredericton

Membership
The membership numbers as of December 31, 2024 are as follows:
Maxwell Lodge of Perfection - 44
King Solomon Chapter of Rose Croix - 45

The year-end results for 2024 reflect a reduction of 3 in the Lodge of Perfection and 1 in the Chapter of Rose Croix. Maxwell Lodge of Perfection membership activity in 2024 consisted of 2 Initiations, 2 Deaths, 1 Withdrawal and 2 Suspensions. The King Solomon Chapter Rose Croix membership activity consisted of 4 Initiations, 2 Deaths, 1 Withdrawal and 2 Suspensions.

Maxwell Lodge of Perfection and King Solomon Chapter of Rose Croix each held four meetings during the year. Regular summons of meetings and events are communicated by email and/or postal service. The Lodge notices are the primary means of communication but the use of telephone and text messaging are also being utilized when appropriate. Some members also attended virtual events hosted by Supreme Council. The Valley Grand Secretary/Registrar also maintained contact with periodic updates to the membership and was appreciative of the ongoing communication from the Supreme Council office and the special messages from the Sovereign Grand Commander that were distributed to the membership.

Leadership
With no Valley degree work taking place in 2024, the Degree directors and the HIG's, were limited to advising in the ritual and floor work associated with the opening and closing of the Lodges. Candidates received their degrees in other Valleys, with proper dispensation being granted. The Valley Advisory Committee, consisting of the senior officers and the HIG's, continue to provide suggestions, guidance, and support within the Valley. Some members are stepping up to assist but more involvement by all members is needed for the Valley to improve meeting participation and increase membership. The term of office for the two bodies in the Valley is two years, and the Installation of Officers for the Maxwell Lodge of Perfection took place in 2025 with the assistance of the Deputy.

Fellowship
A light lunch is normally provided after meetings and the members enjoy this time to exchange information, ideas, and the opportunity to become better acquainted.

Financial Health
Thanks to the due diligence of the Grand Treasurer and the Finance committee the Valley is currently in good financial condition with funds available from investments.

General Comments
The Fredericton Valley continues to rely on a small core of members who are actively involved in promoting Scottish Rite in the Valley. With a number of new initiations occurring in 2024, the Valley needs to engage these new members to attend, participate and become more involved in Valley activities. Presentations at the Craft Lodges to promote Scottish Rite are being pursued and other opportunities to reach out to the Craft Lodge members are being discussed**.** Utilization of the Valley improvement plan may be a beneficial tool to engage and assist the membership in developing plans for membership recruitment and participation at meetings. During the year, the Valley submitted an application for the Deputy's award program that was approved and awarded.

Valley of Moncton

Membership
The membership numbers as of December 31, 2024 are:
Moncton Lodge of Perfection - 77
Britton Chapter Rose Croix - 64

Membership in the Lodge of Perfection and the Chapter of Rose Croix increased by 2 members in 2024. The Lodge of Perfection increase was the result of 5 Initiations, 2 Deaths and 1 Suspension. The Chapter of Rose Croix increase was reflective to 5 Initiations, and 3 Suspensions. The Moncton Lodge of Perfection held five meetings during the year, with the Installation of officers taking place in October. The Britton Chapter Rose Croix held a total of four meetings. The Moncton Lodge of Perfection currently has 2 candidates waiting for their degrees.

Communication
Communication with the members is by email and/or postal service. Individual contact by phone has been beneficial in maintaining contact with the Valley membership and improving meeting attendance. The majority of the membership continues to receive their correspondence by email. Virtual meetings have been limited but correspondence has been shared with the members through the Grand Secretary/Registrar including messages and updates from the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Supreme Council Office.

Leadership
Leadership Training sessions are normally held to assist the officers and cast members in the ritual and floor work associated with the opening, closing and portrayal of the degrees. A Valley Advisory committee consisting of the senior officers of the Lodge, Chapter, and the HIG's meet on occasion to provide guidance, suggestions and recommendations. A committee was formed to review the Valley bylaws utilizing the template from Supreme Council. This work will be continuing in 2025.

Fellowship
A light lunch, fellowship and conversation typically take place following each meeting. The Moncton Masonic Club is open for members of the Masonic fraternity and associated concordant bodies to gather on Friday evenings and for other special events and this provides another opportunity for fellowship with members and spouses and to promote Scottish Rite. Presentations from members of the Moncton Learning Centre and other groups have been well received by the members and their ladies.

Special Events
One of the major fundraising activities is associated with Scottish Rite members assisting other Masonic bodies at the Atlantic Nationals Car show fundraiser in July. The Valley also plans to continue its participation in the Tri-Valley reunions assisting in the portrayal of degrees as required. The Lodge of Perfection did continue with their practice of holding one of their meetings in Miramichi as conditions permit. The Valley also hosted a Robbie Burns night in January.

Craft Lodge Liaison
The Craft Lodges and Scottish Rite members are jointly assisting with the promotion and fundraising for the Moncton Learning Centre. The promotion and participation in Master Mason nights has been another opportunity for improving the awareness of the Scottish Rite within the Craft Lodges and it is a positive tool in recruitment.

Financial Health
The Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix are in a healthy position financially with their dues structure and investment accounts covering expenses.

General Comments
The Valley is actively represented by a group of dedicated members, but the effects of age and health are being felt. Recruitment activities with Master Mason nights and contacts with new members in the Masonic Lodges has been positive. Although membership numbers are good the level of attendance and participation by the members is becoming a concern. Continued action and participation with the Valley Improvement action plans are seen as beneficial. During the year, the Valley submitted an application for the Deputy's award program that was approved and awarded.

Valley of Saint John

Membership
The membership numbers as of December 31, 2024 are:
Saint John Lodge of Perfection - 60
Harington Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix - 60
New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory -142

The Year-end membership for 2024 reflects a decrease of 3 for the Lodge of Perfection, an increase of 4 in the Chapter of Rose Croix and an increase of 8 in the Consistory.

The membership activity in the Saint John Lodge of Perfection consisted of 2 Initiations, 1 Restorations, 3 Deaths and 3 Withdrawals. Membership activity in the Harrington Chapter Rose Croix consisted of 8 Initiations, 1 Restoration, 3 Deaths and 1 Withdrawal. The New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory had 14 Initiations, 2 Restorations, 6 Deaths and 2 Withdrawals.

The Saint John Lodge of Perfection held seven meetings during the year. The Harrington Chapter of Rose Croix had four regular meetings in addition to the Easter Ceremonies. The New Brunswick

Consistory held four meetings in 2024. The Valley has introduced presentations and discussions on various degrees to generate interest and increase attendance and participation. It was encouraging to see 14 candidates at the Consistory Reunion and hopefully this level of initiations will continue.

Communication
Regular meeting notices and events are communicated by email and by postal service. Notification of special events consists of contact by email and by phone. Information updates were provided to the membership periodically by the Valley Grand Secretary/Registrar and include correspondence from the

Supreme Council office in Hamilton as well as updates from the Sovereign Grand Commander which were appreciated by the members.

Leadership
The Valley ritual committee and degree directors continue to assist the cast members with preparation and guidance in the performance of the degrees and associated ritual. The Advisory Committee consisting of the senior officers and the HIG's provide suggestions, guidance and support. Succession planning is included within the role of the Advisory committee.

Fellowship
Opportunities for fellowship occur at the social time available before the meetings or during a light lunch after each meeting. The members enjoy this time exchanging information, ideas, etc. and the opportunity to become better acquainted with each other. Visits to sick and shut-in members is a priority and always very much appreciated. Widows of departed members are contacted at Easter with roses being delivered and at Christmas with a small gift and social time to keep in touch.

Special Events
In December the Valley held its' Annual Wine & Cheese Christmas social and fundraiser in December to assist the Moncton Learning centre. A book sale, silent auction and other activities were enjoyed by all those in attendance.

Craft Lodge Liaison
Representatives of the Valley attended several Craft Lodges during the year and made presentations to promote the Rite. This resulted in new applications being received. The Annual Grand Lodge Communication also provided an opportunity to have a display to promote and update all Brethren on Scottish Rite.

Financial Health
The financial health of the Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix bodies has been declining. A dues increase for each of the bodies was approved in 2024 and this will greatly improve the finances for each body going forward.

General Comments
The Valley has a small nucleus of dedicated members who are active in several Masonic bodies.

Membership, financial stability and attendance are concerns that are being addressed. Use of the Valley Improvement plan may assist in identifying possible options for consideration and improvement in these areas. Continuing attention to educational content at meetings and a focus on fellowship may be beneficial for improving attendance. During the year, the Valley submitted an application for the Deputy's award program that was approved and awarded.

Respectfully submitted,
Graham A. Fraser, 33°
Deputy for New Brunswick

Report of the Deputy for
Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland & Labrador
(Owen T. Devereaux)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I am pleased to report on the condition and activities of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys under my jurisdiction – Halifax, Sydney, Summerside and St. John's.

Valley of Halifax

The Valley of Halifax has fully returned to in-person meetings. I attended the Keith Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix reunion in November 22-23, 2024 along with our Sovereign Grand Commander on his Official Visit and was pleased with the degree work conducted by the brethren.

Membership
The membership numbers (as of December 31) are:

	2023	2024
Victoria Lodge of Perfection	143	130
Keith Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix	152	127
Nova Scotia Sovereign Consistory	197	178

Communication
Valley communication is implemented via email and mail-out, with about an 80/20 ratio. The Valley uses Facebook with contributions from the members. The membership is familiar with the Supreme Council website and has prepared articles for the Clarion and Communiqué.

Leadership
The Valley has a dedicated leadership team that continues to ensure the success of the Valley activities. New members are encouraged to take roles in degree work and the Valley has Education sessions. The Officers are supplied with the Valley Officers' Manual.

Valley Fellowship
Social activities have returned to a somewhat normal fashion, such as the Valley holds banquets during their reunions. At one of the meetings of the Keith Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, a walkthrough and explanation of the 17th Degree as a means of education was given. This degree was at one time regularly portrayed at the reunions.

Support to Craft Lodges
Members of the Valley are leaders within the craft lodge and attend Lodge regularly. The Valley holds Master Mason Nights.

Uniqueness
The Halifax Children's Learning Centre is unique to the Valley and is supported with pride by the membership. A satellite Children's Learning Centre in Truro was officially opened on November 24, 2024, at which I was proud to have attended, along with the Sovereign Grand Commander.
Financial Strength
The investments that have been made keep the Valley in a strong financial position.

Valley of Sydney

The Valley has fully returned to in-person meetings in 2024 adjusting their schedule to Saturday afternoons at 2:00 pm to encourage older members to attend.

Membership
The membership numbers (as of December 31) are:

	2023	2024
Cape Breton Lodge of Perfection	80	69
Royal Chapter Rose Croix	73	61

Communication
Communication is carried out via email and mail-out with about a 50/50 ratio. The membership is familiar with the Supreme Council website and has prepared articles for the Clarion and Communiqué.

Leadership
The Valley has a dedicated leadership team that continues to ensure the success of the Valley activities. There are still issues with the aging membership; several meetings were cancelled due to weather. The Officers are supplied with the Valley Officers' Manual.

Financial Strength
The Valley is doing well financially.

Valley of Summerside

The Valley held five Lodge of Perfection meetings and four Chapter meetings in 2024.

Membership
The membership numbers (as of December 31) are:

	2023	2024
Albert Edward Lodge of Perfection	44	35
Gordon L. Bennett Chapter Rose Croix	39	32

Communication
All members of the Valley are contacted through email. The membership is familiar with the Supreme Council website and has prepared articles for the Clarion and Communiqué.

Leadership
The Valley has a dedicated leadership team that continues to ensure the success of the Valley activities. The Officers are supplied with the Valley Officers' Manual.

Valley Fellowship
The Valley holds an annual lobster supper which is held as a fund-raiser. This is held on the 4th Tuesday of June at The New Glasgow Lobster Supper location.

Support to Craft Lodges
The Valley membership continues to support their Craft Lodges.

Financial Strength
Financial status is in a healthy position.

Valley of St. John's

The Valley held five Lodge of Perfection, four Chapter of Rose Croix, and four Consistory meetings in 2024. The Valley has been busy with 16 brethren going through their Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Degrees, with one Candidate waiting to start.

Membership
The membership numbers (as of December 31) are:

	2023	2024
Centennial Lodge of Perfection	69	81
MacGillivray Chapter Rose Croix	68	65
Newfoundland & Labrador Consistory	66	63

Communication
Communication is done via email and mail-out with about a 95/5 ratio. The membership is familiar with the Supreme Council website and has prepared articles for the Clarion and Communiqué.

Leadership
The Valley has a dedicated leadership team that continues to ensure the success of the Valley activities. The Officers are supplied with the Valley Officers' Manual. On May 13, 2025 the AGM was held with **new** presiding officers taking office for their respective body and **new** members taking office.

Valley Fellowship
The Valley held its annual walk-a-thon in support of the SRCF in October, 2024. This event and social held after was open to our families and friends.

Support to Craft Lodges
The Valley has several of its members serving as Master or leadership roles in their respective lodges. A presentation on Scottish Rite was given by the Valley to one of the Lodges.

Uniqueness
This year the Valley decided to do a membership drive in conjunction with the 150th anniversary celebrations of Supreme Council. A total of 11 candidates received their fourth degree on June 22, 2024, followed by a combined 150th Celebration/new members banquet. This may seem like a small number of members, but it represents a 16% increase.

Financial Strength
The Valley of St. John's is in strong financial shape.

Conclusion
I wish to thank, the following Illustrious Brethren for their continued support: Ill. Bro. Frank Gammell, 33°, GSR; Ill. Bro. Gary Pretty, 32°, GSR; Ill. Bro. Kevin Crozier, 33°, GSR; Ill. Bro. Bob Woodworth, 32°, GSR and Ill. Bro. Kent Clarke, 33°, Assistant to the Deputy.

The four Valleys regularly submit and have received the Deputy's Award. The aging membership and getting members out to meetings continues to be a challenge. The decrease in membership numbers continues to be a concern but all Valleys are attracting new members. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Deputy and look forward to the next year of increased membership and meeting attendance.

Respectfully submitted
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Deputy for NS, PEI & NL

Report of the Deputy for Ontario (Robert D. Brethour)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

The following is my report on the Valleys of Barrie, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

Valley of Barrie

Membership

Barrie Lodge of Perfection	965
Spry Chapter of Rose Croix	911
Barrie Consistory	1,114

The Valley had a decrease in each body, and there was much discussion regarding attracting new members. The Valley has several tools already in place (Craft Lodge Degree Teams, Master Mason Event) plus the Valley Marketing Team is working on measures to increase the Scottish Rite presence in Craft Lodges around their jurisdiction.

The Valley provides candidates with the option of annual dues or commuted dues. This is a recent innovation with 5 members paying annual dues.

Communications

This Valley makes excellent use of various forms of communication. In addition to the Notice, a Valley newsletter is published twice a year; the Valley operates a very informative website; there is a Valley Facebook page; updates are sent to members both via email and by regular mail; and the Active members provide periodic reports on Valley activities.

In conjunction with the Valley of Hamilton and the National Education & Enlightenment Committee, the Valley continues to host Educational Zoom events twice a year. Introduced during the pandemic lockdown, these meetings have been very well received.

At the present time 862 members receive Notices and Correspondence electronically.

Leadership

The Valley has a strong core of very dedicated leaders and officers. The Trustees provide much of the direction and planning of special events and programs, and there is considerable support from the Valley HIGs and the Presiding Officers.

Education & Enlightenment

Displays and educational material are provided at each reunion. In addition, playbills and the pre and post degree summaries are utilized. The Valley has a dedicated Education Committee.

The Valley also had a display at the Day of Masonry hosted by Georgian North and South Districts.

The Valley website contains a great deal of information and education, and is noted for its high quality.

Fellowship

The main social events in the Valley are an annual golf tournament (with the proceeds going to the Barrie Learning Centre), and an annual summer BBQ (with the proceeds going to the Props & Regalia Departments). These events are well supported and very popular.

As a special celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our Supreme Council, the Valley hosted a very successful gala dinner and dance in 2024. In addition, a new fundraising event for the Learning Centre took place earlier this year – a Robbie Burns night. This was well received and will become an annual event.

In addition, the Valley hosts an annual meeting in May for our members of Supreme Council, their partners, and the widows of our departed HIGs. This meeting consists of a social time; a business meeting for the men; entertainment for the ladies; and a banquet.

The Valley also conducts cloverleaf visits with several neighbouring Valleys.

Uniqueness
This is a very active and innovative Valley. Initiatives include: a Membership Engagement Committee; a Reunion Manager position; an Officers Committee which projects future officers 3 years in advance; regularly scheduled Cloverleaf Visits with several other Valleys; a Marketing Team working to attract new members; and a dedicated Education Committee.

In addition, the Valley has created an Officer's Manual (listing specific duties), a Manual for the Office of Secretary, and a Manual for the Office of Treasurer.

The Valley also operates a Learning Centre in Barrie, with a satellite location in Muskoka.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The Valley will be hosting its annual Master Masons event in May. The Marketing Team is investigating an increased on-line presence, as well as either District or Craft Lodge Liaisons around our jurisdiction to raise awareness of all that Scottish Rite has to offer.

Financial Health
While the Valley once again suffered fairly significant losses, it remains financially stable thanks to a healthy investment portfolio.

The Trustees are seriously considering a raise in commuted dues. The key to continued financial stability, however, remains attracting new members.

Valley Improvement Plan
As mentioned previously, this is a very active and engaged Valley always looking for ways to improve the Scottish Rite experience for its members. The Action Register created by Jim Anderson allows the Valley to easily track their various initiatives.

Deputy Checklist
The Deputy Checklist (attached) was reviewed with very positive results.

The Health Assessment Tool (HAT) was discussed, but the Valley already has several initiatives in place to engage their membership.

Comments and Observations
The Valley once again participated in the SRCF Provincial Deputy's Award Charitable Donation, with a matching cheque from the Almoner's Fund.

The Barrie Learning Centre continues to be a huge success story. They are currently tutoring 28 young people in Barrie and Muskoka. To date, they have had 53 graduates of the program. The graduation ceremony and celebration of achievement has been moved from October to May on a permanent basis.

My Official Visit took place at their Consistory Reunion on May 9-10. Although the rescheduling of the Consistory impacted the participation of several officers and cast members, the reunion was very successful. Although the 27th Degree had to be cancelled due to numerous missing cast members, through the Grand Secretary-General they were able to show the video of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction's 27th Degree. This was well received.

In summary, the Valley enjoys strong leadership from its HIGs and Officers, as well as a very active membership base. There are multiple programs and initiatives in place designed to enhance the Scottish Rite experience for its membership. The HIGs, Trustees, and Officers are all very engaged and supportive,

but In particular I would like to thank Valley Secretary/Registrar Jim Anderson for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Valley.

Finally, my sincere appreciation and thanks goes to Active Member David Boyd and Past Active Member John Harrison for their wise counsel and support.

Valley of North Bay

Membership

North Bay Lodge of Perfection	346
North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix	446

Both bodies in the Valley saw a decrease in membership of approximately 20. The Valley currently has 87 missing members, which they are actively trying to address. They also plan to create a Phone Committee in an effort to increase participation at meetings and reunions.

All candidates fill out an Information Sheet, providing the Valley with the ability and opportunity to better engage new members. Candidates are also presented with the Scottish Rite Membership Jewel.

Communications

The Valley Secretary/Registrar continues to do a very good job in keeping the membership engaged and up to date on correspondence and material from Supreme Council. The majority of members receive communications electronically.

The Valley publishes a very informative newsletter 6 times a year, and they have begun the process of creating a Valley website. They also have a Valley Facebook page.

Leadership

The Executive Team of the Valley oversees most of the operations in North Bay. The Executive Team includes: the three primary Officers of both bodies; the Secretary, Treasurer and Almoner, and Ill. Bros. Ray Meadows and Clive Stephenson. The Executive Team meets every month, and invites all Valley members to participate either in person or via zoom.

The Valley now has a Reunion Coordinator, Ill. Bro. Blake McChristie, to assist in the management of the reunions. This should prove to be very beneficial moving forward.

There are also plans to develop a Valley Officers Manual to assist officers in the performance of their duties, as well as the creation of an Officers Committee to identify prospective officers.

Education & Enlightenment

While the Valley does not have a formal Education Committee, they do a great job in engaging both members and candidates by the utilization of tools such as Playbills and the Pre and Post Degree Explanations. They also distribute the Scottish Rite booklet and membership jewel to all candidates.

The Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry power point presentation is also utilized at Masons Nights.

Fellowship

The main fellowship in the Valley revolves around the activities of the 183 Club in North Bay. Following a very successful 150th Anniversary event last year, they are planning a special event in 2026 to honour the SGC on his Official Visit to the Valley.

The Valley has also reinstituted a repast following their business meetings, something which has been well received.

The Silver and Gold Scottish Rite Club remains active in the northern are of the Valley's jurisdiction.

The Valley also plans to continue the cloverleaf visit program with other Valleys in the future.

Uniqueness
The Valley employs a 'Volunteer Dues' program whereby Life Members are invited to submit the equivalent of annual dues on a strictly volunteer basis. This novel idea has created an additional revenue stream for the Valley.

The Valley also utilizes 3 locations within their jurisdiction for the Easter Services.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The Valley enjoys a very good relationship with Craft Lodges in their jurisdiction. They have taken a Degree Team to Powassan Lodge for the past 80 years, and they plan to expand their participation in other craft lodges.

The Valley also sends a letter of congratulations to new Master Masons within their jurisdiction. This is not a direct recruitment tool, just congratulations on attaining their 3rd Degree, but it does serve to make new Master Masons aware of Scottish Rite.

Financial Health
This remains an area of concern for the Valley of North Bay. The Temple Board is actively seeking a commercial tenant for the first floor of the building, something that is absolutely critical for all bodies utilizing the Temple.

The Valley did increase their annual dues in 2024, which has helped with operating expenses.

Valley Improvement Plan
While not a formal Improvement Plan per se, Valley Treasurer Jake Lacourse compiles a comprehensive overview of all Valley initiatives, membership information and trends, and financial data for the Valley. It was a very quick point of reference for our discussions.

Deputy Checklist
The Provincial Deputies Checklists (attached) were reviewed and discussed with very favourable results.

Comments and Observations
The biggest challenge facing the Valley of North Bay is the financial situation of the Temple Board, which directly affects the Valley itself. A new slate of members on the Temple Board is working hard to address this serious issue.

The Valley instituted a Reunion Honouree program in 2023. This year's Honouree is Ill. Bro. Wayne Nelson.

Once again this year the Valley participated in the SRCF Provincial Deputies Charitable Donation. A brief Valley History has recently been published, with a more detailed history in the works.

My Official Visit took place at their Lodge of Perfection Reunion on May 2-3. The reunion itself went well, and was conducted in a timely manner. Some suggested changes to the Saturday schedule was discussed with the Leadership Team.

In summary, it is always a pleasure to visit this Valley. I would like to thank Valley Secretary Michael Millard and Valley Treasurer Jake Lacourse for all of their hard work and efforts, as well as their full cooperation. Ill. Bro. Millard is stepping down as Secretary, and I sincerely thank him for his tireless efforts

over the past number of years. Ill. Bro. Rene Carlson is taking over as Secretary/Registrar, and I look forward to working closely with him.

Valley of Sault Ste. Marie

Membership

Sault Ste. Marie Lodge of Perfection	110
Sault Ste. Marie Chapter of Rose Croix	110

Membership currently stands at 110 in each body, a decrease of 3 members from the previous year. Also, the Grand Secretary/Registrar is in the final stages of tracking down lost members and those in arrears of dues. This will result in a further loss of members

Having said that, they continue to attract new candidates who are active and engaged. There were 5 candidates at this reunion.

Communications

The primary vehicle for Communications is via the Notice. All members receive Notices and correspondence electronically, something the Valley is to be commended for.

Leadership

The Valley Leadership Team is comprised of all Valley HIGs, the Valley Secretary/Registrar, and Valley Treasurer. This is a strong group of very dedicated leaders. In order to assist the line officers, a discussion regarding the Manual for Officers of Supreme Council took place, as well as the possibility of creating a Valley Officers Manual itemizing specific duties for each officer.

Education & Enlightenment

We had considerable discussion about the information and tools available on the Supreme Council website. Increasing the amount of education for the benefit of the members was discussed, as well as utilizing Playbills and the Pre and Post Degree Explanations.

Fellowship

The Valley held a wine and cheese event to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Supreme Council. Consideration is being given to host some type of social event every year.

With a large number of visitors in attendance, an informal dinner and social time was held on Friday evening. Candidates and all Masons were invited to attend. It was very successful and well received.

Uniqueness

The vast geographic area of this Valley certainly makes it unique. Officers and members from outlying areas routinely travel several hours to get to meetings.

The Valley has obtained dispensation to hold a regular meeting in Blind River rather than Sault Ste. Marie to better accommodate members in that area. They plan to utilize a zoom link so that other members can attend virtually.

Craft Lodge Initiatives

Although the Valley does not use specific initiatives such as Masons Days, they have done an excellent job in attracting new members through personal contact. The influx of new members bodes well for the future.

We discussed the potential of the Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry as an additional tool for membership.

Financial Health
The Valley remains stable financially, and does not need to use any funds from their investments to augment the Valley finances.

Valley Improvement Plan
Although the Valley does not currently have a Valley Improvement Plan, discussion on the benefits of such a plan again took place. In particular, it would allow the Valley set specific goals and to plan ahead for special events.

Utilizing the Health Assessment Tool (HAT) to poll the membership was also discussed.

Deputy Checklists
The Provincial Deputies Checklists (attached) were also reviewed with mostly positive results.

Comments and Observations
My Official Visit, in combination with the Official Visit of the SGC, took place at their Rose Croix Reunion on March 1. As mentioned, there were a large number of visitors, many visiting the Valley for the first time. In addition to the Sovereign Grand Commander and Deputy, there were four other Actives in attendance including the Lieutenant Grand Commander and SGIGs Brent Julian, Clive Stephenson, and David Boyd. Visitors from six different Valleys were in attendance, and the Valley is to be commended for the gracious and welcoming manner in which all were greeted.

The Valley of Sault Ste. Marie is very isolated, the nearest neighbouring Valley being a 3+ hour drive away, but they have a very dedicated group of leaders and a great sense of fellowship. The obvious harmony amongst the members is also to be commended.

The business meeting went very well with open dialogue and lots of ideas discussed. These meetings are beneficial for all involved.

At the Saturday Reunion on March 2nd the 15º and 18º were conferred and the 16º and 17º were communicated. Some areas to work on were relayed separately to the Leadership Team.

Overall, this Valley is in good shape. Financially stable; a steady stream of candidates; the active participation of newer members; and a real sense of fellowship are all positives. They also regularly participate in the SRCF Provincial Deputies Award.

In summary, I very much enjoy visiting the Valley of Sault Ste. Marie. They face some unique challenges, but they are always looking at ways to improve. The fact that they are attracting members at a higher level than normal is a good indicator that they are doing something right.

Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge Valley Secretary/Registrar Brent Derochie for his thoroughness and organizational skills, and Ill. Bros. Larry Weeks, Pat Gillespie, David Jones, David Dawe, and John Thomas for their commitment, dedication and leadership.

Valley of Sudbury

Membership
Sudbury and District Lodge of Perfection 212

Membership remains fairly stable, but there was a reduction in membership of 9. They did have 5 new candidates, which is very encouraging. As in previous years, discussion regarding attracting new members took place. The Valley's main recruitment tools are personal contact and their annual Masons Night.

Communications
The Valley continues to communicate with their membership via messages, updates, and educational material on a regular basis. 75% of the members receive Notices electronically. Valley Secretary Clive Stephenson does an excellent job in ensuring their members are informed.

Leadership
The Valley has a strong core of very dedicated leaders along with a strong group of officers, and they of course enjoy the benefit of having an Active Member of Supreme Council in the person of Clive Stephenson. The Valley Leadership Team consists of: the TPGM; Sr. & Jr. Grand Wardens; the Immediate Past TPGM; the Reunion Manager; the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.

Valley Executive Meetings, now called General Purposes Meetings, are held 5 or 6 times a year and are open to all members. These Executive Meetings are very well attended, and provide their membership with an overview of Valley of activities and an opportunity to offer suggestions and input.

Education & Enlightenment
This Valley makes extensive use of the Playbills created by the Education & Enlightenment Committee of Supreme Council. Although the Valley has not traditionally utilized the pre and post degree explanations, we discussed the benefit of doing so.

The suggestion was made to consider including educational material along with the summons to better engage their membership.

Fellowship
This Valley holds multiple social events, all of which are back on line following the pandemic.

Their Porketta Pig Roast and Bingo event has been a very popular social event for many years. It is very well attended.

In addition, the Valley makes and sells sausages as a fund raiser. Those involved enjoy a real sense of camaraderie.

Finally, the Valley holds a Ladies Luncheon at a local venue on the Saturday of the Reunion, as well as an informal dinner following the Reunion to which members, candidates, and spouses are invited. These events are well attended and popular.

Uniqueness
The Valley of Sudbury is very active in visiting other Valleys and conferring degrees – in particular in Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay and Barrie. Several members of the Valley are in the officer line-up in other Valleys as well.

The Valley also has a very unique event called the Orators Lecture. This is held each January and features an educational presentation by the Grand Orator.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The primary Craft Lodge initiative utilized by this Valley is the aforementioned Master Masons Night, which includes the presentation of the 'Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry' power point and a portion of the 6th Degree drama.

The utilization of the Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry power point presentation in craft lodges was also discussed.

The Valley now has Craft Lodge Liaisons in each Craft Lodge.

Financial Health
Although the Valley suffered a deficit last year, they remain in a stable financial situation at the current time. When necessary, the Valley will use interest from their investment portfolio to help offset Valley expenses.

Valley Improvement Plan
Although not an actual Valley Improvement Plan, they have created an Action Register which provides a comprehensive overview of all Valley activities and initiatives. This tool will be very beneficial in tracking Valley programs.

Deputy Checklist
The Deputy Checklist (attached) was reviewed and discussed. The Health Assessment Tool (HAT) was also discussed as a good method to engage their membership.

Comments and Observations
The Valley continues to participate in the SRCF Provincial Deputies Charitable Award, and adds to the donation from Valley funds.

Three years ago the Valley began to name their Reunions in honour of a worthy brother, This year's Reunion was named in honour of Ill. Bro. Don Rousell, 33° - a most worthy recipient.

My Official Visit took place at their Lodge of Perfection Reunion on April 11-12. At the Reunion the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th Degrees were conferred. The degrees went very well and were well received by the brethren present.

A highlight of the weekend is the music of the 5th Degree, featuring Valley member Jeff Wiseman on keyboard and vocals, accompanied by Rob Fleming on vocals. Very impressive! The Valley has also started making use of music via laptop during some of their degrees.

In summary, this is a very active and engaged Valley which works hard to maintain a high level of excellence. The entire Leadership Team is to be commended for their ongoing efforts on behalf of the Valley. In particular, I would thank Ill. Bro. Clive Stephenson for his leadership and attention to detail.

Valley of Thunder Bay

Membership

Superior Lodge of Perfection	113
Nanna Bijou Chapter of Rose Croix	111
North Star Consistory	102

The Valley of Thunder Bay is, of course, very isolated from any other Scottish Rite Valley and it encompasses a very wide geographic area. Membership currently stands at 113-111-102, a decrease in all three bodies.

Although they had one candidate for the reunion, membership remains an area of real concern. On a positive note, the Craft Lodges in the area are attracting numerous new members which will hopefully translate to Scottish Rite membership in the future. There was considerable discussion regarding strategies to attract new members. The Valley is very aware of this critical area.

Communications
The primary vehicle for Communications is via the Notice, which contains much information. The Valley makes use of electronic delivery whenever possible, and correspondence from other Valleys and Supreme

Council is made available to the membership. All but a very small handful receive Notices and information electronically.

Some members of the Leadership Team collectively completed the Health Assessment Tool (HAT). The results will hopefully assist them in identifying specific areas to focus on.

Leadership
The make-up of the Leadership Team is currently under discussion in the Valley. Medical issues have impacted the Active Member's participation, but the senior officers of all three bodies work together on behalf of the Valley. Education has been made a priority in the Valley, with presentations on a monthly basis.

The Valley also created an extensive Valley Manual for Officers, and all Valley Officers also receive the Manual for Officers created by Supreme Council.

Education & Enlightenment
With a strong focus already in place with respect to education, we did review the material available through the Education & Enlightenment Committee of Supreme Council. The Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry presentation has been utilized in the past.

The Valley presents the playbill prior to each degree. The 6th and 8th Degree videos were discussed, as well as the upcoming 16th Degree video.

Fellowship
The Valley reintroduced their annual Ladies Night, which has been a successful event in the past. In addition, there is ample time built into their monthly meetings for social fellowship.

Uniqueness
Certainly the isolation from any other Valleys is unique, as is the distance some members have to travel to attend meetings. This does present some challenges.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The Valley has had discussions about scheduling an Open House or a Masons Night, and this is under consideration.

The importance of supporting and assisting craft lodges was mentioned by several as a priority.

Financial Health
The Valley remains stable financially, and uses the interest from investments to augment the general account.

Valley Improvement Plan
Although the Valley does not utilize a Valley Improvement Plan, a Membership and Retention Committee was created several years ago. They have worked extensively in examining Valley operations, gathering input from various sources, and creating an comprehensive report with various recommendations.

Deputy Checklists
The Provincial Deputies Checklists (attached) were also reviewed with mostly positive results. Making use of the tools available and ideas for enhancing the experience for their membership were thoroughly discussed.

Comments and Observations
My Official Visit took place at their Rose Croix Reunion on February 22. The meeting with the Leadership Team was particularly beneficial for me as I gained a much better idea of Valley operations and the

challenges they face. There is a great deal of passion for Scottish Rite and the Valley amongst the Leadership Team.

In summary, I enjoy visiting Thunder Bay. The Valley faces some unique challenges, not the least of which is their extreme isolation from any other Valleys. They do have a representative on the ad hoc Membership Committee chaired by the Grand Secretary-General, which will provide an opportunity to bring fresh ideas to the Valley for consideration. In addition, as Deputy I host several zoom meetings per year with the Secretaries of my Valleys. This is an opportunity to discuss a variety of topics, and to share ideas and best practices.

In particular, I would like to thank Active Member Bill Davis for his gracious hospitality, as well as Grand Secretary/Registrar Les Swan, who took over that position last year.

Thank you!

This completes my report for the Valleys of Barrie, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

Respectfully submitted,
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Deputy for Ontario

Report of the Deputy for
Ontario
(Ronald J. Taylor)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

It is my privilege to provide this report on the state of Scottish Rite Freemasonry within the Valleys of Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, and Peterborough.

With deep regret, I acknowledge the passing of many dedicated brethren within this Supreme Council, as recorded in the Obituary Records of these Proceedings. Their contributions to their families, communities, and our beloved fraternity were profound, leaving a lasting impact that will not be forgotten. Let us honor their memory by recommitting ourselves to the principles of the Scottish Rite, carrying forward the legacy they built with integrity, wisdom, and brotherhood.

Valley of Hamilton

The business meeting convened on April 16th at 4:00 PM, bringing together 15 dedicated members of the Valley. The discussions proved to be highly constructive and insightful, with all attendees providing valuable contributions that enriched the dialogue. Several key topics were addressed, leading to actionable initiatives that the Valley will focus on as it moves forward.

The steadfast commitment of the leadership, combined with the dedication and best intentions of all members, ensures that any challenges encountered can be effectively navigated and overcome. This collective spirit of perseverance and cooperation continues to strengthen the Valley, fostering an environment where progress and innovation flourish.

Membership

Membership numbers within this Valley, as is the case with many others, have experienced a slight decline.

However, the leadership remains optimistic that these figures will see improvement in the coming years. The primary factor contributing to membership losses has been the passing of brethren, a natural and expected outcome given the overall mean age of the membership.

The Consistory, due to the expansive geographical area it encompasses and its comparatively larger membership base, has borne the brunt of these losses. This trend serves as a reflection of the broader demographic shifts occurring within the organization.

While the prevailing age demographics suggest a continued decrease in membership over time, the leadership remains hopeful that the recent positive trends in Masonic memberships will help mitigate this decline. It is anticipated that a steady influx of new members will serve to balance attrition rates, ensuring the sustained vibrancy and strength of the Valley. Through ongoing engagement and outreach efforts, the fraternity continues to foster growth and uphold its enduring traditions for future generations.

Communications

The recent business meeting facilitated a valuable exchange of information among the various bodies, fostering collaboration and strategic discussion. This open sharing of ideas and action plans is expected to yield meaningful benefits as the Valley moves forward with its initiatives. The Supreme Council's commitment to bringing brethren together through such engagements has proven to be a highly effective approach, reinforcing the importance and impact of in-person visits to the Valleys.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Rite club continues its deliberations and efforts to refine the operational framework of the club, with a strong emphasis on ensuring its availability exclusively for Masons. This strategic direction seeks to eliminate the necessity of hosting weddings and external rentals, preserving the club's intended purpose. Encouragingly, support for this initiative remains consistently high among members, further strengthening its viability.

Additionally, the District and Lodge Representatives within the Valley uphold communication channels with both local and remote Lodges, playing a crucial role in sustaining membership and fostering connectivity. Through their diligent efforts, these representatives contribute significantly to the continued engagement and unity of the fraternity. The Valley reps, in turn, have maintained commendable efficiency in keeping their respective Valleys well-informed and aligned with broader organizational objectives. Their dedication serves as a testament to the ongoing commitment to growth, collaboration, and the enduring strength of the Scottish Rite.

Fellowship

The leadership has been actively developing initiatives to enhance fellowship among members and their families, fostering a stronger sense of community within the Valley. Dinners held for Supreme Council Members, along with various other family-oriented programs, demonstrate the Valley's commitment to responding to the insights recorded in the HAT Tool, ensuring that offerings align with the interests and expectations of the membership.

Special recognition is extended to the Active Members for their commendable efforts in establishing the Hamilton Valley Executive Committee (HVEC), which has proven to be an invaluable asset to the membership. Their dedication to strengthening organizational cohesion and engagement is truly deserving of appreciation.

Furthermore, numerous luncheons, dinners, and informal gatherings continue to be organized with the aim of fostering deeper fellowship and camaraderie among brethren. These events provide meaningful opportunities for members to connect, share experiences, and reinforce the bonds of fraternity.

Another eagerly anticipated initiative is the upcoming golf tournament, which serves as a major fundraising effort, with the funds split between the Hamilton learning centre and the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. This event has consistently been a highlight within the Valley, drawing substantial participation

and support. The team responsible for its coordination has demonstrated exceptional commitment, ensuring the tournament's success while advancing the cause of education and enrichment within the fraternity.

Collaboration with Craft Lodges

During the recent business meeting, some concerns were raised regarding the level of support provided by certain local lodges in promoting awareness of the Scottish Rite among their members. While the Rite holds significant historical and philosophical importance within Freemasonry, it was noted that some lodges could take a more active role in sharing relevant information and encouraging engagement. The leadership remains hopeful that as officer rotations occur within these lodges, new perspectives and increased enthusiasm will lead to greater participation and advocacy for the Rite.

Despite these challenges, overall communication between the Valley and the lodges remains strong, which has been instrumental in maintaining accurate records and an up-to-date membership database. This ongoing exchange of information ensures organizational continuity and fosters collaboration within the broader Masonic community.

Furthermore, discussions during the meeting highlighted a promising trend: an encouraging number of men are actively pursuing membership within the lodges. This influx of new members presents a valuable opportunity to introduce them to the principles and benefits of the Scottish Rite. It is the hope of the leadership that many, if not all, of these new Masons will express an interest in joining and actively participating in the Rite, thereby strengthening its foundation and ensuring its continued vitality for future generations.

Finances

During the business meeting, concerns were brought forward regarding recent changes proposed by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) that could potentially impact organizations such as the Scottish Rite. Given the significance of these regulatory adjustments, the discussion underscored the necessity of establishing a clear and well-defined mission statement to ensure continued alignment with compliance requirements and organizational objectives. Leadership actively engaged in this dialogue, identifying key action items to address the matter and facilitate informed decision-making moving forward.

Additionally, the Valley continues to uphold strong financial stewardship, demonstrating a consistent commitment to fiscal responsibility. Following a thorough review and discussions with financial examiners, it was collectively affirmed that the Valley remains in excellent financial standing. This validation reflects the effectiveness of sound financial management practices and prudent oversight, reinforcing confidence in the Valley's economic stability and sustainability.

Valley Improvement

The submitted Valley Improvement Plan has undergone substantial enhancement, reflecting a notable increase in both its content and the commitment to its practical implementation. This advancement demonstrates a concerted effort by the leadership and membership to refine and expand the scope of the plan, ensuring its relevance and effectiveness in guiding the Valley's ongoing development.

As previously reported, a structured approach was adopted to update and strengthen the utilization of this essential tool. Defined tasks were assigned to responsible individuals, and regular status updates were incorporated into the process to monitor progress and ensure accountability. These efforts exemplify the Valley's dedication to continuous improvement, fostering a culture of strategic planning and proactive leadership that will undoubtedly contribute to the long-term success and growth of the Scottish Rite within the region.

The Provincial Deputies Checklist

The checklist that was submitted underwent a thorough review during the business meeting, during which it was determined that certain responses—originally marked negatively—may have been the result of

misunderstandings. Following thoughtful discussion, several of these responses were re-evaluated and subsequently revised to reflect a more positive stance, particularly concerning member contributions to social media and the utilization of officer manuals. This process ensured a more accurate representation of the Valley's perspective and priorities.

Additionally, the meeting provided an opportunity for important discussions surrounding the presence of negative websites that contain inaccurate or misleading information regarding the Scottish Rite. Concerns were raised about the potential impact of such sources on public perception and membership engagement. Leadership expressed a collective aspiration to guide members toward reputable platforms that authentically support and represent the values and objectives of the Rite. Through strategic communication efforts, the Valley remains committed to fostering informed participation while reinforcing the integrity and mission of the Scottish Rite within the broader Masonic community.

Valley Concerns

The challenge of re-engaging members in the aftermath of the Covid pandemic has remained a significant priority. A primary focus has been on encouraging members to return to reunions, where they can once again witness the exemplary degree work performed by their fellow brethren, both from within the Valley and those who travel to Hamilton to contribute to these ceremonies. These gatherings have long been a cornerstone of fraternity, and many fondly recall the days when the auditorium was filled with engaged participants. Discussions during the business meeting underscored the importance of revitalizing attendance, bringing renewed energy and enthusiasm to these events.

A key factor identified in this effort is the role of strong leadership. It was noted that a dedicated and focused leadership team is essential to ensuring the success of this initiative. Encouraging all officers to attend every possible degree ceremony not only strengthens participation but reinforces the Valley's commitment to excellence. Furthermore, all officers are recognized as integral members of the Valley's leadership and are reminded that their presence, dedication, and efforts set an example for the wider membership, shaping the expectations and culture of engagement.

The losses suffered by the fraternity as esteemed brethren have passed to the Grand Lodge Above have inevitably impacted degree teams. This transition in membership makes it more important than ever for both past and present leaders within the Valley to rise to the occasion, guiding and inspiring the newer generation of members. Through their mentorship, experience, and dedication, these leaders have a profound opportunity to set the course for the future, ensuring that the Scottish Rite remains strong, vibrant, and enduring for many years to come.

Summary

Hamilton Valley is fortunate to have a strong and dedicated leadership team in place, equipped with the vision and commitment necessary to drive meaningful change and ensure continued success. The recent business meeting, along with subsequent discussions, provided an excellent platform for the exchange of thoughtful and innovative ideas, reflecting the unwavering dedication of the Valley's members in enhancing the overall experience for all involved.

Financial stability remains a cornerstone of the Valley's operations, supported by the prudent and responsible management of funds. Thanks to conscientious stewardship, financial concerns are not an impediment, allowing leadership to focus on enrichment, engagement, and progress.

Observing the diligent work of all three bodies within the Valley reaffirms the quality and strength of what is offered to prospective members. The steadfast commitment of brethren to delivering degrees with the highest level of solemnity and excellence has solidified the Valley's reputation for upholding the traditions and integrity of the Scottish Rite. The well-appointed environment in which these ceremonies take place, along with the collective effort of those involved in their execution, is truly commendable.

Looking ahead, sustaining focus and dedication on encouraging members to return for reunions will be

paramount. These gatherings are vital for fostering connection, tradition, and engagement within the Rite. With the leadership demonstrating such strong commitment, the Valley is well-positioned to achieve this goal and continue thriving. The right team is in place, ready to inspire and lead with purpose, ensuring the ongoing vitality and growth of the Scottish Rite.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Active Members for their dedication and contributions toward ensuring the smooth operation of the Valley. Special thanks go to Illustrious Brother Rob Whitmore, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander; Illustrious Brother Tom Wills, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander; Illustrious Brother Steven Warren, 33°, Active Member and COO; The Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Illustrious Brother Michael Martin, 33°; The Most Wise Sovereign, Illustrious Brother J. E. Denis Paquette, 33°; The Commander-in-Chief, Illustrious Brother D. Kenneth Laliberte, 33°; and Illustrious Brother Ken Adamson, 33°.

Their efforts in ensuring that all requested documentation was provided in a timely manner, their thorough preparation in delivering well-structured materials, and their warm reception during my Official Visit as Deputy for Ontario are deeply appreciated. Their leadership and commitment to excellence continue to strengthen the Valley and contribute to the success of its operations.

Valley of Kingston

This year, the Valley of Kingston welcomed both the Sovereign Grand Commander on his Official Visit and the Deputy for Ontario on his Official Visit, bringing everyone together in a single, special event. By having the visit conducted jointly, the Valley was able to lighten the load and avoid the challenges of hosting multiple separate visits—a change that made everything more relaxed and enjoyable.

The Sovereign Grand Commander and Deputy were greeted with the warmth and friendly spirit that the Valley of Kingston is so well-known for. It was a real pleasure to spend time with the members!

Membership

The membership numbers have continued to decline, albeit at a slower rate than in previous years, thanks to an encouraging influx of candidates pursuing degrees. Nevertheless, there remains concern that this downward trend may persist in the coming years, as the overall membership continues to age. While younger members are joining, the Valley is actively working to shift the demographic balance, aiming to have higher numbers represented in the younger age groups.

Additionally, the increase in membership suspensions has been noted. This can largely be attributed to members transitioning into elderly care homes, which often leads to difficulties in remembering to pay dues. The Valley remains committed to addressing these challenges and finding supportive solutions to sustain its membership.

Communications

The Grand Secretary has transitioned to email as the primary medium for communicating with members. When deemed appropriate, there is a request to incorporate relevant information into lodge summonses, ensuring that brethren remain informed about upcoming Valley events and initiatives.

Furthermore, representation across districts in the Kingston area remains strong, with designated representatives actively engaging with their respective lodges to disseminate important announcements and promote participation in various events. This level of involvement contributes to enhanced awareness and fosters a greater sense of community among members. All communications from Supreme Council are being passed to the members of the Valley.

Fellowship

These Brethren form a remarkably close-knit and supportive community, deeply committed to fostering a

spirit of camaraderie and ensuring the well-being of their fellow members. Their dedication to one another is evident in the care and consideration they extend across all aspects of their fraternal engagements.

Despite the considerable geographical expanse of the region, representation remains strong from each distinct area, ensuring comprehensive communication and outreach. Furthermore, the practice of requesting reports on members who are sick or in need of visitation underscores their unwavering commitment to supporting one another in times of need.

The members of the Valley continue to advance efforts toward inter-valley visitation, strengthening connections with both the Valley of Ottawa and the Valley of Hamilton. This ongoing collaboration reinforces bonds between the regions, fostering unity and mutual support. Notably, the enthusiasm and encouragement shown toward those receiving their 33rd Degree in Hamilton and Ottawa exemplify the profound closeness and sense of fraternity that define this distinguished group.

Collaboration with Craft Lodges

The membership has demonstrated support for an initiative led by the local District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGMs) to establish a TRI-DISTRICT meeting, fostering greater collaboration and engagement among brethren from multiple districts. Attendees from the Valley of Kingston actively participated in this gathering, delivering an informative presentation on the Scottish Rite and making a meaningful financial contribution. This act of generosity not only supported the event but also served to enhance the visibility and recognition of the Scottish Rite within the broader Masonic community.

In addition to his role as Grand Secretary, this distinguished individual also serves as the Secretary of his Craft Lodge. Leveraging his expertise and dedication, he ensures that information regarding the Scottish Rite is effectively disseminated, enabling brethren to gain a deeper understanding of its significance and opportunities.

Master Mason Nights, which take place biennially due to the structured rotation of degrees within the Valley, provide a unique opportunity to present insightful discussions tailored to brethren who may be considering membership in the Scottish Rite. These carefully timed events offer valuable exposure and encourage further exploration of the Rite’s principles and practices.

Furthermore, in a continued effort to strengthen member engagement and recognize participation, Scottish Rite Pocket Jewels are now being distributed among the membership. These distinguished symbols serve as a tangible representation of each member’s involvement in the Rite, fostering a sense of pride and unity within the fraternity.

Finances

The financial management within this Valley is conducted with great diligence and responsibility, ensuring that all financial affairs remain in excellent order. The Valley's fiscal stability is evident in its proactive approach to financial stewardship, with resources being carefully monitored and allocated to support the long-term sustainability of its operations.

As a testament to this prudent financial oversight, the Valley recently took the initiative to prepay rent for the temple, thereby extending tangible support to the Temple Board. This strategic contribution not only alleviates financial strain on the Board but also underscores the Valley’s commitment to preserving and maintaining the facilities essential to its members. Such proactive financial decision-making exemplifies the responsible and forward-thinking approach embraced by the Valley’s leadership.

Valley Improvement

The Leadership Team in the Valley has incorporated updates to the Valley Improvement Plan, reflecting a considerable investment of time, effort, and strategic planning.

To further refine the project management process and ensure comprehensive tracking of assignments and

progress, it is recommended that the Action Register section of the Valley-Improvement-Plan-A-Structure-and-Process (v2) be utilized. Implementing this structured approach would facilitate a more transparent and efficient system for recording key details, including the designation of responsibilities, the nature of the assigned tasks, the projected completion timelines, the methodologies employed to achieve objectives, and ongoing status updates. This refinement would not only enhance accountability but also optimize workflow management, ensuring that all stakeholders remain informed and aligned with the intended progress of the Valley Improvement Plan.

The Provincial Deputies Checklist

The Valley has made commendable progress in establishing a solid foundational framework with the checklist, successfully addressing numerous key areas. However, a few outstanding items remain to be completed, necessitating further attention to ensure the checklist is fully implemented.

One primary area that would greatly benefit from additional development is the realm of multi-media initiatives. At present, the Valley lacks members with the specialized expertise required to create and maintain digital content, which presents a challenge in enhancing its online presence and outreach efforts. Strengthening these capabilities would contribute significantly to broader engagement and communication.

Through discussion, it has been determined that the membership does play an active role in shaping the content and direction of social media platforms such as Facebook. This involvement provides an avenue for brethren to share updates, promote events, and foster greater interaction within the community.

Additionally, compiling a comprehensive Valley History would serve as a valuable resource, preserving the rich legacy and traditions of the Valley for both current and future members. If a dedicated individual or committee could be appointed to undertake this task, it would ensure that the historical narrative of the Valley is thoughtfully documented and accessible to all.

Valley Concerns

Given the Valley's relatively small membership and an average age exceeding 70 years, the challenge of having members step forward to assume additional responsibilities grows increasingly complex with each passing year. To sustain the vitality of the organization, it is imperative to proactively engage incoming members, particularly those of a younger demographic, encouraging their participation and integration into the Valley's various functions.

At present, the distribution of responsibilities is disproportionately placed upon too few individuals, leading to an unsustainable workload. To address this issue, efforts must be made to broaden the involvement of members and alleviate the strain on those currently managing numerous tasks.

Leadership within the Valley should not rest solely upon a single individual. It is crucial that all 33^{rds} and Officers recognize their role in fostering engagement among newer members and actively contribute to the administration and operation of the Valley. This includes not only assuming leadership roles but also participating as Officers or Cast Members, thereby ensuring continuity and shared responsibility.

The reality is that too often, a single individual finds themselves burdened with managing all aspects of Valley operations, leaving little time to personally recruit and engage new members. To address this, it is essential that each member of the Leadership Team recognizes their duty to support this endeavour, working collectively to integrate newer members into the fraternal structure.

Furthermore, for those newer members who may be reluctant to commit to degree work or assume formal Officer positions, alternative avenues for engagement must be presented. Administrative tasks provide a meaningful opportunity for involvement, allowing them to contribute without the pressures of ritualistic responsibilities. However, these individuals must be personally invited to participate—an outreach effort that is critical to ensuring their inclusion and fostering their commitment to the Valley.

Summary

The relatively smaller size of this Valley does not diminish its strength or resilience; rather, it underscores the unwavering dedication and commitment of its members. Their willingness to contribute wherever possible and their steadfast drive to advance the Valley's mission exemplify the heart and courage that define this distinguished fraternity. The camaraderie within this Valley remains robust, with members demonstrating a deep-seated devotion to ensuring the sustained success of the organization for future generations.

Moreover, the financial position of the Valley is exceptionally sound, with stability and prudent management ensuring its continued prosperity for the foreseeable future. The diligent stewardship of resources reinforces the enduring strength of the Valley and its ability to support meaningful initiatives.

At this juncture, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the following esteemed brethren for their invaluable contributions: Active Member Illustrious Brother Stephen Hannah, 33°, The Thrice Puissant Grand Master - Illustrious Brother Doug Scott, 33°, and The Most Wise Sovereign - Illustrious Brother Jeff Gatcke, 32°, for their meticulous efforts in compiling and providing the required documentation ahead of the meeting, as well as their thoughtful preparation in presenting the material effectively. Additionally, I wish to acknowledge Illustrious Brother Wally Revel, 33°, for his exceptional dedication in facilitating the reception of the Sovereign Grand Commander. Lastly, heartfelt appreciation is extended to all brethren for the warm and gracious reception extended to us during our Official Visit. These collective efforts exemplify the spirit of unity and excellence that continues to define this Valley.

Valley of Ottawa

The business meeting of the Valley of Ottawa was attended by a total of 18 members, representing a diverse cross-section of the organization. Notably, several participants from the more recent classes were present, contributing to a dynamic and engaging atmosphere. Their involvement was particularly gratifying, as it demonstrated the ongoing commitment and integration of newer members into the Valley's activities.

The Leadership Team in Ottawa continues to exhibit remarkable strength and cohesion, fostering an environment of collaboration and forward-thinking discussion. The meeting was highly productive, characterized by insightful dialogue and a constructive exchange of ideas. A number of excellent suggestions were brought forward from the floor, reflecting the enthusiasm and engagement of attendees. These contributions will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in shaping future initiatives and guiding the organization's continued success.

Membership

This year, the membership figures across all three bodies reflect a positive shift with gains surpassing losses, signalling a short-term reversal of the previously declining trend. This development suggests an encouraging turn in the trajectory of membership retention and growth.

As has been consistently reported, the mean age of the membership remains on the higher end of the spectrum, underscoring the longstanding demographic composition. However, the influx of new members is actively contributing to the gradual rejuvenation of the organization, offering a promising counterbalance to the aging membership base.

While this shift is an important milestone, the full impact of these changes may take some time to materialize. The long-term benefits of increasing membership diversity and sustainability will become more evident as newer members establish themselves and engage more deeply within the Valley's activities.

A particularly noteworthy aspect of our meeting was the successful acquisition of four affiliations over the past year. This represents one of the highest affiliation numbers recorded in recent years, highlighting a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to strengthen inter-Valley ties and expand collaborative

opportunities.

The increase in affiliations underscores the growing interest and engagement within our network, reflecting a broader trend of renewed participation and connection. This achievement serves as a testament to the Scottish Rite's continued appeal and commitment to fostering meaningful relationships. Moving forward, these affiliations will undoubtedly contribute to our long-term success and strategic objectives.

Communications

The Valley continues to rely on email communication as a primary means of engaging with the brethren, ensuring timely and efficient dissemination of important updates and announcements. These emails include a variety of informative and engaging materials, such as Teasers, Playbills, and Post-Degree Explanations, all designed to enhance members' awareness and understanding of ongoing activities. Additionally, dues cards continue to be distributed via traditional mailing methods to ensure proper record-keeping and accountability.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining quality and conciseness in all communications, the Executive Secretary has exercised careful discretion in managing both the frequency and content of emails sent to the membership. This approach has prioritized clarity and relevance while preventing excessive outreach.

During the recent business meeting, members expressed a desire for a slight relaxation of these constraints, advocating for the inclusion of more pertinent information in future email communications. This request underscores the brethren's eagerness to remain well-informed and engaged, highlighting the ongoing need to balance informative outreach with concise, high-quality messaging.

Fellowship

The leadership across the three bodies remains actively engaged in organizing PTPGM, PMWS, and PCinC dinners, along with Candidate-specific gatherings at locations chosen by the candidates themselves. These events have proven highly effective, fostering fellowship and engagement among members. Notably, Past Masters who may no longer be able to attend evening meetings often make a point of participating in these luncheons, providing them with a meaningful opportunity to reconnect with their brethren. These gatherings continue to serve as invaluable moments for camaraderie and shared experiences.

Additionally, social gatherings preceding each of the degree ceremonies remain a cherished tradition among the brethren. The inclusion of light meals at these events was a topic of discussion during the business meeting, and there was unanimous agreement that this practice remains highly beneficial. It enhances the overall experience, allowing members to enjoy informal interactions while preparing for the solemnity of the degree work ahead.

Further discussions centred around inter-Valley collaboration, specifically the potential for other Valleys to visit Ottawa and for Ottawa brethren to travel to other Valleys to perform degree work. While the logistics of such exchanges still require careful consideration and planning, there was unanimous enthusiasm for the idea. The prospect of fostering greater inter-Valley engagement and expanding degree work beyond local borders presents an exciting opportunity for increased participation and shared learning.

Collaboration with Craft Lodges

During the business meeting, an important discussion was held regarding the messaging and timing of the communications delivered to Craft Lodges during DDGM visits. While there was unanimous agreement on the content and intent of the messaging, it was recognized that the timing of certain messages warrants further review. A notable example highlighted in the discussion was the application reception period, which concludes in September. Given this timeline, it was advised that efforts should be made to avoid encouraging brethren to join the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (AASR) in October, as they would then be required to wait an entire year before formally applying. Adjusting the timing of outreach in alignment with the application cycle would ensure more effective communication and engagement.

Additionally, it was noted that the Degree Team was not active during the previous year. However, there is strong optimism and anticipation that this will change in the upcoming year. One proposal put forth during the meeting suggested that degree work conducted in lodges should be scheduled exclusively on Regular Meeting nights. This strategic approach is expected to enhance the visibility of the Scottish Rite within the broader Masonic community.

Furthermore, there was discussion surrounding advertising for upcoming AASR degree team ceremonies within the Rite as a means to increase attendance at the Lodge meetings. By ensuring that brethren are well-informed about upcoming degrees, the hope is to foster greater participation, engagement, and support for these significant events.

Finances

The trustees, in close collaboration with financial council, continue to oversee steady growth in investments, demonstrating a prudent and strategic approach to financial stewardship. While funds have been withdrawn at various points throughout the year to support the Valley's ongoing needs, the year-end investment balance surpasses the pre-withdrawal amount, indicating strong financial resilience and effective asset management.

This impressive outcome is a testament to the exceptional diligence and expertise exercised by Illustrious Brother Sam Kalinowsky, Trustee, and Illustrious Brother Jeff Noseworthy, Treasurer, in managing the Valley's financial resources. Their careful decision-making, fiscal responsibility, and unwavering commitment have ensured that investments continue to flourish while maintaining the necessary financial support for operational and organizational priorities.

Valley Improvement

The Valley Improvement Package (VIP) has been successfully updated, now incorporating and reflecting the remarkable initiatives put forth by the dedicated members of the Valley. Their thoughtful input and contributions have played a pivotal role in shaping and refining the package, ensuring that it remains a valuable and relevant resource for all.

Thanks to this collaborative effort, substantial progress has been made in enhancing the overall experience of both existing and newer members. By integrating fresh ideas and refining key aspects of engagement, the Valley has fostered an environment that is welcoming, enriching, and highly supportive. These continuous improvements not only strengthen the sense of community but also ensure that members have access to the information and guidance necessary for their journey within the organization.

The Provincial Deputies Checklist

The Provincial Deputies Checklist has been successfully updated, along with the HAT tool, ensuring that both resources reflect the latest enhancements and best practices.

The general consensus regarding these updated versions has been positive, with members recognizing them as superior improvements over previous iterations. Their enhanced structure and refined content are expected to provide the level of insight and detailed reporting that the Supreme Council seeks from all Valleys.

Valley Concerns

Attendance remains a significant concern for the brethren, prompting discussions during the business meeting about ways the Leadership Team could actively assist in improving participation. As a result, all officers are now requested/directed to attend all degrees, regardless of whether they belong to a specific body. Additionally, all officers are expected to be present at all Advisory meetings, ensuring greater involvement in the administration and operational oversight of the Valley. While it may take time for the broader membership to fully recognize the impact of these changes, there is strong confidence that this directive will positively influence overall attendance and engagement.

Furthermore, there is a growing consensus among members that the number of degrees portrayed should be increased in the coming year. Specifically, there is enthusiasm for the return of both the 24th Degree and the Allegory, which were not presented this year due to Covid-related disruptions and the limited time available to assemble a cast. Recognizing the importance of these degrees, preparations have already begun for next year, with the casting process actively underway. It is strongly anticipated that these efforts will lead to successful portrayals, further enriching the experience for the brethren and reinforcing the strength and tradition of the Valley's degree work.

Summary

The members of the Valley consistently demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities, a commitment to engagement, and a willingness to undertake the responsibilities necessary to ensure the continued success and advancement of the membership experience. Their dedication and proactive approach are instrumental in fostering a thriving and well-functioning Valley.

Financial matters are being managed with great diligence, ensuring stability and sustainability. The introduction of Directors' meetings and Leadership meetings has further strengthened efforts to support new candidate engagement, reinforcing a structured and welcoming environment for those entering the Valley.

The Executive Committee remains a pillar of strategic guidance and insight, providing invaluable direction on the best paths forward to achieve successful outcomes. Their ability to navigate challenges and identify opportunities ensures that the Valley continues to operate effectively and flourish.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the Executive Chairman, Illustrious Brother John Lark, 33°, the Executive Secretary, Illustrious Brother Jeff Christie, 33°, the Grand Treasurer, Illustrious Brother Jeff Noseworthy, 33°, the Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Illustrious Brother Wayne Parker, 33°, the Most Wise Sovereign, Illustrious Brother Leo Benoit, 33°, and the Commander in Chief, Illustrious Brother J.F. Legault, 33°, for their dedicated efforts in ensuring the smooth operation of the Valley. Their meticulous preparation in providing all requested documentation ahead of the meeting, their thoroughness in presenting materials, and the warm reception extended to me during my Official Visit as a Deputy for Ontario were deeply appreciated.

Valley of Peterborough

The business meeting of the Valley was attended by a total of 34 members, reflecting strong engagement and active participation within the organization. Notably, several longstanding members were present, contributing valuable insights and thoughtful input throughout the discussions. Their experience and perspective added depth to the conversation, reinforcing the importance of preserving institutional knowledge and fostering continued involvement.

The presence and active participation of these senior members serve as a testament to the effectiveness of the Leadership Team in cultivating an environment where both new and veteran members remain engaged and invested in the Valley's initiatives. Their willingness to contribute demonstrates a healthy organizational dynamic, highlighting the leadership's success in maintaining enthusiasm and commitment across different generations within the Valley.

Membership

The Valley's membership numbers experienced a slight decline again this year, with the majority of losses attributed to brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above. While the figures reflect a reduction in overall membership, the general sentiment among the brethren remains positive, as they recognize that the strength and engagement within the Valley go beyond mere numerical representation.

However, concerns persist regarding the average age of members in the Valley, as maintaining a healthy

balance between longstanding members and newer generations remains a priority. Despite this, the leadership remains optimistic, forecasting stronger membership growth in the coming years, bolstered by increasing class sizes and sustained interest from candidates.

A promising trend has been observed, as the majority of Candidates continue their Masonic journey by advancing to Chapter once their Lodge of Perfection (LOP) Degrees have been completed. This progression reflects a commitment to deeper engagement, reinforcing the Valley's enduring tradition of mentorship, growth, and fraternal excellence.

Communications

The Secretary reports that email continues to serve as the primary method of communication with members, ensuring timely and efficient dissemination of information. For those without access to email, regular mail remains a secondary channel to guarantee effective outreach.

A USB stick has been distributed to interested members, providing them with comprehensive documentation designed to enhance their understanding of the Scottish Rite. This initiative ensures that members have access to essential materials in a readily accessible digital format.

To further support Candidates, both Pre- and Post-Degree Explanations are sent via email, assisting them in deepening their comprehension of the degrees and their significance. This practice strengthens educational efforts and provides valuable guidance throughout their Masonic journey.

Additionally, an Education Committee will be established, tasked with developing and delivering educational content for both the general membership and new candidates. This initiative is aimed at fostering greater engagement, expanding knowledge, and ensuring that members benefit from structured learning opportunities.

Efforts are also underway to update the official website, making it more appealing and user-friendly for newer candidates. This modernization effort will improve accessibility, provide clearer information, and reinforce engagement, ensuring that members have a seamless digital experience.

Fellowship

The dedicated team of Golf Whisperers has already begun coordinating and communicating details for this year's golf tournament, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to supporting the Learning Centres. Their efforts are truly commendable, as few groups within the Masonic community undertake such a significant endeavour while maintaining an unmatched enthusiasm for the work they do. Their ability to create an event that engages participants, fosters camaraderie, and ensures that everyone involved fully appreciates the cause they are supporting speaks to their exceptional leadership and dedication. Notably, their stewardship of this tournament has resulted in a substantial fundraising achievement for the Learning Centres—an outstanding accomplishment deserving of high praise.

Beyond the golf tournament, the brethren continue to foster fraternity and fellowship through a variety of engaging events and initiatives. Plans are underway for a whisky tasting, offering an opportunity for members to enjoy fine spirits while strengthening bonds within the Valley. Additionally, the brethren successfully sold 88 tickets to the Robbie Burns dinner, a testament to the strong interest in this cherished celebration. Barn dances have also been organized as effective fundraising events, further showcasing the community's dedication to supporting its initiatives through enjoyable social gatherings.

The recent dinner theatre event witnessed an impressive turnout, with a substantial number of tickets sold—a testament to the unwavering camaraderie and collective generosity of the brethren within this Valley. Their enthusiastic participation reflects a deep-rooted commitment to supporting one another while actively contributing to the charitable endeavours of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

The success of this initiative not only demonstrates the fraternity's dedication to fostering fellowship but

also underscores the importance of communal efforts in advancing meaningful philanthropic causes. Through such engagements, the brethren reaffirm their shared values of unity, benevolence, and service, ensuring that the Scottish Rite continues to be a force for positive impact within the broader Masonic and charitable communities.

When visitors come to the Valley, members rally together in impressive numbers to share a warm and welcoming dining experience with their guests. These gatherings are marked by lively conversation, meaningful connections, and a palpable sense of fraternity, reflecting the deep-rooted bonds and shared values that define the membership. The engagement and participation in these social traditions reinforce the strength of the Valley's brotherhood and ensure that every visitor feels embraced by the collective spirit of fellowship.

Collaboration with Craft Lodges

The 3rd Degree Team has remained actively engaged in its responsibilities and has formally requested that its involvement be limited to Regular Meetings. This strategic approach ensures higher attendance levels at these gatherings, thereby enhancing the visibility and prominence of the Scottish Rite within the broader Masonic community. Furthermore, this measure serves to prevent individual lodges from relying on the Team as a substitute, reinforcing the importance of self-sufficiency in lodge operations.

Master Mason Nights in the Valley continue to serve as a valuable initiative for attracting prospective candidates. These thoughtfully structured evenings offer a well-organized and immersive experience, presenting Masonic teachings and degree ceremonies with clarity and depth. Their success underscores the commitment to preserving and imparting the fundamental principles of the craft in an engaging and accessible manner.

The Valley's leadership remains steadfast in its pursuit of effective communication strategies to foster a sense of unity and shared purpose among Masonic members. By consistently highlighting the numerous benefits and strong camaraderie associated with participation in the Scottish Rite, leadership efforts are directed toward reinforcing the enduring value of belonging to this fraternity.

Finances

In recent developments, the financial leadership within the Valley has transitioned to new stewardship, and it is with great satisfaction that I report Illustrious Brother Bill Lee's exemplary management of this vital responsibility. Demonstrating a steadfast commitment to financial prudence and continuity, he has seamlessly followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, ensuring the Valley's fiscal stability remains strong and well-maintained.

Discussions with the designated financial Reviewer for the Valley have further affirmed this positive outlook. The Reviewer has confidently stated that the Valley's financial standing is in excellent condition, with no outstanding concerns or irregularities at this time. This continued fiscal strength underscores the effectiveness of disciplined financial oversight and reinforces the Valley's enduring commitment to responsible governance and economic sustainability.

Valley Improvement Plan

The Valley Improvement Plan has been provided with a comprehensive array of well-conceived initiatives that the brethren are diligently working to implement. These efforts reflect a collective dedication to fostering growth, strengthening engagement, and advancing the objectives of the Scottish Rite within the Valley.

Furthermore, the round table discussions held during the recent business meeting proved to be exceptionally productive, facilitating insightful dialogue and strategic planning. The high calibre of discourse and the depth of commitment demonstrated by the brethren underscore their unwavering dedication to the continued enhancement and success of the Valley. These thoughtful exchanges serve as a testament to the forward-thinking approach embraced by its members, reinforcing their shared vision

for sustained improvement and progress.

The Provincial Deputies Checklist
The updated checklist has been formally submitted, meticulously populated with comprehensive and relevant information designed to support both the Supreme Council and the Valley in their ongoing decision-making processes. This document can serve as a valuable resource, documenting planning as they advance their initiatives.

The checklist gives leadership the ability to review key priorities and implement effective measures for the continued growth and stability of the Valley. Its thorough preparation underscores the dedication of those involved in ensuring that governance and operational decisions align with the long-term objectives of the Scottish Rite.

Valley Concerns
The leadership of the Valley has identified several key areas where enhancements from the Supreme Council could greatly improve their ability to operate effectively and provide them with more advanced tools to support their initiatives.

Among the considerations proposed are the development of a standardized website template that individual Valleys could utilize for consistency and efficiency, as well as updates to the "Welcome to AASR" videos used during Master Mason Nights to ensure they remain relevant and engaging. Additionally, implementing standardized training programs for Directors across all Valleys would help establish uniform best practices and strengthen leadership capabilities.

Making the results of the HAT Tool available online would allow Valley leaders to aggregate and analyse data more efficiently, facilitating informed decision-making. Introducing a structured outreach program for Masons would encourage engagement and further strengthen connections within the fraternity. Lastly, providing access to the Sankey Lectures for review after the initial presentation would allow members to revisit key insights, reinforcing the educational value of these sessions.

By implementing these improvements, the Supreme Council would significantly enhance the resources available to Valley leadership, supporting their ongoing efforts to enrich Masonic experiences and strengthen the Scottish Rite community.

Summary
This past year proved to be particularly challenging for Peterborough, as the aftermath of a severe ice storm resulted in prolonged power outages affecting the majority of the area. Even after initial restoration efforts, certain regions continued to experience intermittent electrical disruptions for an extended period. Despite these significant setbacks, the Valley demonstrated remarkable resilience, ensuring that all necessary documentation was submitted while maintaining an unwavering commitment to engagement and progress. The membership remained eager to convene with the Deputy, sharing their insights and aspirations with enthusiasm.

As evidenced by the preceding notes, this Valley has consistently exhibited a forward-thinking and dynamic approach, relentlessly pushing the boundaries of innovation and dedication in its pursuit of strengthening the Scottish Rite. Their passion and commitment to the fraternity’s continued growth and development are both commendable and inspiring. I extend my sincere gratitude to the members for their willingness to contribute ideas, energy, and devotion, reinforcing the enduring vitality of the Scottish Rite for generations to come.

I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all those who contributed to this endeavour, recognizing their dedication and commitment to the success of our efforts. Special acknowledgment is given to Active Member Illustrious Brother Brian Gilkinson, 33°, Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council; Grand Secretary/Registrar Illustrious Brother Ron McMillan, 33°; Illustrious Brother Andrew Henderson, 32°,

Thrice Puissant Grand Master; Illustrious Brother Ron DeMerchant, 32°, Most Wise Sovereign; and their esteemed officers. Their leadership and support have been instrumental in advancing our shared goals and strengthening the presence of the Scottish Rite

Conclusion

It has been a profound honour to serve as a Deputy for Ontario, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to support and engage with the Valleys under my jurisdiction. I wish to thank the Supreme Council Office for all of the support throughout the year, as no one does this alone! Throughout my tenure, I have been privileged to witness first-hand the remarkable level of respect, dedication, and fraternity demonstrated by the brethren in each Valley. Their unwavering commitment to the Scottish Rite is a true testament to the profound love and reverence they hold for this noble institution. I do not doubt that this same spirit of devotion and brotherhood is reflected across all Valleys throughout Canada.

In my discussions and addresses over the past year, I have sought to convey the importance of recognizing that we are all part of something far greater than ourselves—a storied tradition that transcends individual contributions and unites us in a shared pursuit of enlightenment and service. It is within this collective experience that we find true meaning and purpose. Therefore, I strongly encourage all brethren to embrace leadership opportunities within the fraternity, for through such involvement, they will gain invaluable insights into the depth and richness of the Scottish Rite experience.

Leadership within the Rite is an opportunity to shape the future, guide fellow members, and contribute meaningfully to the strength and vitality of our beloved organization. I hope that more brethren will recognize the profound impact they can have by stepping forward and taking an active role in the continued growth and prosperity of the Scottish Rite.

Respectfully submitted,
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Deputy for Ontario

Report of the Deputy for Ontario (Jeffrey R. Dickson)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

Opening

It remains a distinct honour for the under-signed to continue serving the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Supreme Council (SC), 33°, of the A&ASR of Freemasonry of Canada in the capacity of Deputy for Ontario. To that end, I am pleased to report on the condition of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Valleys of Guelph, Niagara, Toronto, and Woodstock.

An in-person Official Visit (OV) to the above Valleys was supplemented by a Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Meeting (in conjunction with the OV or virtually on separate date); an additional fraternal visit(s) to each Valley also took place. The Template and the Provincial Deputy Checklist (20240729) were used as the guide in the preparation of this Report.

These Valleys are still demonstrating a resilient spirit and cautious optimism in regard to growth and revitalization, as well as an ongoing awareness of membership and financial matters. A definite sense of enthusiasm endures, and fuelled by the Masonic tradition of in-person gatherings, they continue to confer and communicate the treasured rituals of the A&ASR.

All Scottish Rite Brethren across this country are to be congratulated for their resolute service and devotion to our Fraternity. Special gratitude is also owed to the steadfast Leaders who remain committed to inspiring their Valleys with zeal and determination.

Valley of Guelph

The OV to Guelph Valley was scheduled for November 23, 2024; however, unfortunately it was postponed. The event took place on April 5, 2025 with the conferral of the Fifteenth and Eighteenth Degrees. An associated virtual meeting was held with the SLT on January 22, 2025 with 8 participants. The following is a summary of the various visits to the Valley, the SLT meeting, and the condition of Scottish Rite in this Valley.

Membership (end of 2024)
Royal City Lodge of Perfection (Warrant – 1884) = 266 (increase of 7 from 2023)
Chapter of Rose Croix (Warrant – 1900) = 255 (reduction of 2 from 2023)

It is reassuring that the Lodge and the Chapter each had a class of 8 to 10 candidates in 2024-25; this served each body well. Moreover, and based on the latest AR Form, membership was not notably impacted due to deaths, demits and suspensions. Furthermore, and although down in number, applications for the Lodge for the fall of 2025 at present is 5. The SLT continues to explore and implement strategies to foster greater involvement from both existing and new members, with special attention to the Candidates in each class.

Leadership
The Valley continues to operate under an Administrative Council, composed of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and the Active Member. Council, which oversees the Valley's activities and initiatives, held its annual Business Meeting virtually in January and now, has a new Chair and Vice-Chair. A note of sincere gratitude is extended to Ill. Bro. Doug West, 33°, who dedicated over 10 years as Chair; Doug - thank you for your service.

The Council, complimented by the two First Officers, the two next-in-line Senior Officers, the Grand Secretary/Registrar, and the Grand Treasurer forms the SLT. In addition to the scheduled Meeting with the Deputy, the SLT also meets virtually as required. Besides executing Valley activities, the SLT generally oversees the conferral of the degrees, which is hopefully to the benefit and satisfaction of all the Candidates.

The two First Officers are always thankful for those who attend the Degrees and other events. They, along with the other members of the SLT, gently encourage the members, especially the newest, to actively participate in the operation and the ongoing activities of their Valley. The Brethren are regularly encouraged to support where and when they can, whether by taking part in the Officer line, being a member of a degree cast, or by simply providing a pair of willing hands to help behind-the-scenes to support with props, paraphernalia, and robbing.

Communication
The yearly Valley Schedule and an annual Notice is sent to each member (via mail or email) at the beginning of the year accompanied by an invoice. After receipt of payment, a Dues card is issued; this offers the Grand Secretary/Registrar another opportunity to share info with those Brethren who only receive it via the post-office. When required, phone calls are also used to connect with those Brethren who do not use email.

Email, with a Summons/Notice attached, continues to be the core mode of communication and serves 60-65% of the membership; it is hoped to gradually increase this percentage. Electronic Meeting reminders

are also issued by the Grand Secretary/Registrar; however, there is no system to track if emails are received and/or opened.

Education & Enlightenment (E&E)
More Directors are using the E&E Committee Playbills, complete with its editable cast list. Furthermore, a package is given to each new member upon completion of their 14th and their 18th Degree so they can read the Pre and Post Degree Explanation for each degree just witnessed, as well as those only communicated.

It is aimed to promote and recite the Introduction and Summary parts of the Pre & Post Degree Explanations with each degree that is conferred. The Valley Drop-Box is a central repository for all Cast Lists, full Degree booklets, and any of the above noted (or other) documents; it continues to grow in size and value to Valley in general, and for the Directors in particular.

Valley Fellowship
A successful summer BBQ was held in Hanover in 2024 and provided the Valley with a well attended social venue to recognize and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our SC. Dispensation once again allowed the Valley to host a breakfast for family and friends who were able to attend the Easter Sunday Re-lighting Ceremony; this event for the first time in many years was also held in Hanover in 2025. The Honorary Inspectors-General plan to host a Ladies Summer BBQ in 2025. Social events are well received and enjoyed by all able to attend.

Valley Uniqueness
The physical coverage area of Guelph Valley is quite large, and this is especially noticeable and appreciated during the inclement winter months which present challenges with regard to driving times and distances. The City of Guelph is located at the south end of the Valley, and the travel required by the members from the north (some over 2 hours) is recognized and appreciated.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The Master Masons Morning hosted by the Valley in April of 2024 certainly served the Valley well with a large class in both the Lodge and the Chapter in 2024-25; it is hoped to host another similar event in the near future. As profile-raising, the A&ASR red room was open for public viewing in April 2024 as part of Doors Open Guelph; it was well attended and received.

Financial Health
The Grand Secretary/Registrar addresses arrears of dues, which alleviates most fiscal concerns. Furthermore, and with a now approved dues increased set for 2026, the annual assessment levied by the local Temple Corporation upon both the Lodge and the Chapter should not be a burden. The financial state of the Valley remains quite secure.

Valley Improvement Plan (VIP)
The work on the Valley “draft” VIP and its review by the SLT continues; it is hoped to be able to dedicate some time and effort to this initiative over the coming year so that this document may prove of use and value to the Valley in general, and the SLT in particular.

General Comments
The Lodge and the Chapter continue to face challenges to fill all Officer positions, but openings exist; an Officer Progression Committee would be of value were there but Brethren not already too busy in the operation of the Valley to serve thereon. The removal of the Baker Street Lot will permanently be an issue wrt parking; especially for Visitors.

The consistent and dedicated effort of both Council and the SLT to ensure the ongoing effective operation of the Valley are both recognized and admired. Ernest labour has led to steady and noticeable progress with Degree work and profitable meetings. I trust the SLT will not relax its efforts in the pursuit of these two goals, but that it will ever press forward towards perfection.

Best wishes are extended to the Brethren of Guelph Valley for continued success in all their Scottish Rite endeavours; I look forward future visits.

Valley of Niagara

The OV to Niagara Valley was held on January 23, 2025; the evening featured the conferral of the Chapter Rose Croix Sixteenth Degree. A related in-person meeting was held at approx. 6:00 p.m. with the SLT on the same date before the degree with 9 participants. The following is a summary of Valley visits, the SLT meeting, and the condition of Scottish Rite in this Valley.

Membership (end of 2024)
Elgin Lodge of Perfection (Warrant – 1924) = 319 (reduction of 2 from 2023)
Chapter of Rose Croix (Warrant – 1955) = 264 (increase of 4 from 2023)

The Lodge with a class of 10, and the Chapter with a class of 15 candidates in the 2024-25 year, is serving each body and the Valley well; net membership was not impacted due to deaths, demits and suspensions. It is also understood that a similar number of applications are expected for the Lodge in the fall of 2025-26. Although the SLT is encouraged by the slight uptick in membership, it is aware of the situation in Niagara A & B Districts from which it procures members. As a result, although class sizes hopefully remain similar to the past couple of years, the Valley did not project those numbers in its 3-year forecast.

Leadership
The Active Member, and the Senior Officers of both the Lodge and the Chapter form the Niagara SLT, which is responsible for the yearly agenda, various degrees, and other events of the Valley. The SLT is committed to ensuring that each degree portrayed in Chapter and Lodge is to the standard expected, and consistent with those conferred by the Brethren of the past.

Officer succession in each body benefits from the Officer Support Committee, which assists with the management of and completion of the line in each body with competent Brethren. To that end, and interestingly, there has been more success having a full complement of Lodge Officers compared to the Chapter. However, past Officers are supportive, fill in as required, and there have been some TPGMs go through the Chapter Officer line. Regardless, the Committee holds firm when seeking what it believes to be qualified individuals who are willing and able to commit to either Officer line, based on past performance in Nagara A and B Districts.

Communication
The primary means of communication in Niagara is electronic; each member (more than 60%) receives the yearly Schedule of Degrees in late summer before the September start-up which is a Ballot in each body. MailChimp tracking provides the Valley with the success rate of its emails. This Valley confers all Lodge and all Chapter degrees; Lodge degrees 4 to 14 are conferred October to April, followed the next year by Chapter degrees 15 to 18, which run from November until Easter (mixed between another round of Lodge degrees). There is also a Chapter Reunion Dinner in the fall and a Lodge Reunion Dinner in the spring.

Building on the success of its first issue in February 2024, the Valley continues to use ‘The Rite News Niagara’ as an extra form of Communication to connect with its members. The Minutes are now being emailed to expedite the business portion of each Lodge and Chapter meeting; this allows a bit more time for the conferral of the scheduled degree.

Education & Enlightenment (E&E)
Candidates continue to be provided with the booklets entitled ‘The Lectures of the Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection’ and ‘The Essence of the Degrees of the Chapter of Rose Croix’; the E&E Committee Playbills are also being used by the Directors. Before each Degree, and before closing the Lodge/Chapter, the Pre

and Post Degree Explanation Introduction and Summary are respectively given for the degree just conferred.

Valley Fellowship
In addition to the two Reunion Dinners, one Valley Executive Meeting also has a Dinner; each dinner features a guest speaker. Typically, the Valley hosts a Summer BBQ and an annual Ladies Night; social events are generally met with positive feedback and consistent attendance.

In late 2024, Elgin Lodge of Perfection marked its 100th Anniversary; this was combined with the Valley's recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the Supreme Council of Canada. To that end, a Friday evening Social event, a Saturday afternoon Plaque Presentation and Dedication at the Lodge, followed by a formal Saturday evening Banquet, were fitting tributes to the Valley in general, and Supreme Council in particular, in celebration of these two auspicious milestones.

Valley Uniqueness
The Niagara Peninsula is distinctly bordered by a Great Lake to the north and south, and the USA to the east, delineating the catchment area from which this Valley draws its members. Hence, travel is practical from almost anywhere in Niagara District A or B to the Valley's soon-to-be new home at the Niagara Masonic Memorial Temple located at 23 Centre Street near downtown St. Catharines; the Valley is in the process of relocation.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The Valley has had an active Craft Degree Team for some time now; it plays an important role in promoting Scottish Rite Freemasonry. Degrees are publicized via an email blast to the members, including a Cast List. The Team's efforts help recruit new members for the Valley and reinforce its relationship with the Niagara District A and B Craft Lodges. Presenting the "Welcome to Scottish Rite Freemasonry" program as part of this Masonic outreach programme is still recommended. It is unknown if the "Ambassador Program" has been revitalized.

Financial Health
The foresight of former members of this Valley has positioned it well, in that it is very financially stable. Projected investment income for both the Lodge and the Chapter has been conservatively estimated based on current conditions and has allowed the Valley to hold initiation fees unchanged for at least the next three years. Furthermore, projected Revenues versus Expenses out to 2027 are essentially break-even (very minimal loss is forecasted).

Valley Improvement Plan (VIP)
As noted during the 2024 OV, the SLT still hopes to be able to put some more time and effort into its "informal" VIP; it continues to be studied and discussed at the Executive meetings.

General Comments
Unfortunately, the Niagara Brethren must relocate from their current location in the former Grace Anglican Church on Geneva Street; the Valley will undoubtedly miss this beautiful facility to which they have become accustomed. However, it is hoped that the move to the Niagara Masonic Memorial Temple will serve the Valley well, and will, in time, become like home.

On behalf of the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Valley is admired for its fitting recognition and celebration of the 150th anniversary of our Supreme Council. It is also applauded on the Centenary of Elgin Lodge of Perfection and the special plaque and coin recognizing same.

Best wishes are extended to the Brethren of Niagara Valley for continued success in all their Scottish Rite endeavours; I look forward future visits.

Valley of Toronto

A virtual meeting with the Toronto SLT was held on March 27, 2025 with 13 participants. The OV was scheduled for April 4 & 5, 2025; however, it was cancelled due to a disgraceful arson attack on the York Temple on March 2nd. Having already visited the Lodge on October 4 & 5, the Chapter on November 1 & 2, and the Lodge again on March 1, the following is a summary of those visits to the Valley, the SLT meeting, and the condition of Scottish Rite in this Valley.

Membership (end of 2024)
Grand Lodge of Perfection (Warrant – 1878) = 1,299 (increase of 10 from 2023)
Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix (Warrant – 1873) = 1,075 (reduction of 4 from 2023)

The duties of the Membership Committee are to: promote membership; encourage and strengthen fraternal relations between the Craft and the Rite via liaison personnel in each Lodge; marshal candidates for each degree; maintain a record of candidate progress through the mandatory degrees; and report same to the Grand Secretary/Registrar. This Committee is to be praised for its recent efforts; as the adage goes … 'the proof is in the pudding'.

Two classes each for Lodge and Chapter this past year totalled 53 and 35 respectively. This reinforces that the Valley's Master Mason events, in combination with its Scottish Rite outreach into the Lodges, are effective and delivering results. 2024 AR Form shows Total Additions (98) exceeded Total Losses (92); it is hoped the Valley can continue the trend of large classes.

A Care and Contact Committee is to foster active participation and bolster fraternal bonds among members, organize events to honour long-standing membership milestones, and keep an account of members with 25, 50, and 60 years of service. It also manages outreach, which includes visits to infirmed Brethren, ensuring they remain connected to the Fraternity.

Leadership
This Valley operates with a number of Committees such as (but not limited to) Accounts, Benevolence, Character, Membership, Finance, Officer Nomination, etcetera. Committees facilitate the operation of the Lodge and the Chapter under one set of By-laws governing both bodies; the First Officer of each body is an ex-officio member of all standing Committees.

In addition, and to assist in managing the activities of the two bodies, there is an Advisory Council whose sole function is to render assistance to each First Officer by way of advice only. To that end, the Officer Nomination Committee annually presents to the Council the names and relevant information of those recommended as First Officers at the next Valley AGM.

Communication
The SLT indicates that about 900 of 1,300 Lodge members receive information by means of electronic delivery; this is about 70% of the membership. Furthermore, with the assistance of MailChimp, the success rate of emails being opened is approximately 60%; therefore, almost 550 members of this Valley are attentive to the notices and information published and released.

In addition to degrees, Valley social events are regularly promoted via an email blast to subscribed members. Furthermore, this Valley operates and maintains a comprehensive and informative website (www.valleyoftoronto.com), one of only 8 in Canada to do so. The website has: an up-to-date calendar; a section devoted to Lodge and Chapter; an About section with regard to the Valley, Membership, Clubs, and Charity; and links to SC, the Charitable Foundation, "The Masonic Journey Continues" video, Grand Lodge, etc. For many years, the Valley published a Newsletter; it is hoped it can be revived. ZOOM is used for Meetings as travel in and around the GTA can be challenging, and some (albeit younger) members use Facebook.

Education & Enlightenment (E&E)
At the close of the Reunion in October, November, and March, each Candidate was given a package containing printed info for every Lodge and Chapter degree and a Valley History. The Master Masons Night is the Valley's premier event to share details about the Rite with Masons; it includes a Ritual Committee approved excerpt from a degree performed in costume.

The Valley uses a hybrid of canned and live music. Unfortunately, the Organist is not always able to attend; when he cannot, a Brother is responsible for cueing up the Valley's music (for the particular degree) which was compiled from that archived on the SC website. Members of the SLT have watched the 6th and 8th Degree Videos; however, neither has been presented.

Valley Fellowship
The Valley hosts at least one summer BBQ; this is a well attended event where Brethren and their families can enjoy a social time together. Toronto once again portrayed the 21st Degree at the Moore Sovereign Consistory Spring Assembly; a significant number of Toronto Brethren are also part of the 30th Degree cast conferred on Saturday morning at every Assembly/Reunion. The tradition of Inter-Valley or 'cloverleaf' visits continue (a Toronto cast goes to another Valley or visa-versa), and "Nite at the Rite" events remain popular. All social events are well received.

Valley Uniqueness
Toronto Valley continues to publish a yearly "Directory" which is a pocketbook that lists: Valley SGIGs; SC Officers; Honorary Life Members; ALL Officers; HIGs and PPOs; ALL Committees; Degree Directors; and a two-year Schedule of Meetings and Events; it is an oft used resource.

The physical coverage area of this Valley is the heavily populated GTA; as such, this presents logistical travel challenges regardless of the time of year. Toronto Valley is extremely culturally diverse and distinctive, boasting one of the largest Lodge and Chapter memberships in Canada.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
With approximately 90 Craft Lodges (in 4 main Toronto Districts) in and around the GTA from which this Valley draws its members, the Membership Committee has a significant and arduous duty to perform. It continues to deliver on its mandate; that of promoting, encouraging and strengthening the long lasting and strong fraternal relationship between the Valley and the numerous area Craft Lodges, through the liaison personnel in each.

Regrettably, the arson attack at the York Masonic Temple, forced the cancelation of the May 29, 2025 Master Mason Night. This event will no doubt be held again in 2026; as noted, it has been highly profitable in recruiting Masons, who seek further light in Masonry, to join our beloved Rite.

Financial Health
A high-level review of the Valley's portfolio indicates that approximately 90% is composed of fixed income and common shares. Regardless, and even though SC dues are significant because of approximately 2,400 total members, a $650 life membership fee (as per Regulation 10) into the Lodge and Chapter, along with investments, has this Valley in a very stable position.

Valley Improvement Plan (VIP)
At its semi-annual meeting, Advisory Council reviews, revises, and reports back to the membership on its VIP. The Advisory Council also examines an 'action register' at these meetings; it is however considered a work in progress. The amended By-Laws, sent to the SC Office for review in mid 2024, will soon receive final approval in the Lodge and the Chapter.

General Comments
The SLT in this Valley believes that the return to the Reunion model has met with success and has reduced some of the demands on the membership, especially the Officers, Degree Cast and those who regularly

attend. To that end, the Brethren of this Valley known as the "Men In Black", responsible for the majority of the heavy lifting with regard to staging, robing, set-up and take-down, are to be applauded for their consistent contribution of time and labour to make the Reunions run effectively and to be profitable for each and every member of the class.

The Officer Nomination Committee continues to play an important role in keeping the Officer line in both the Lodge and the Chapter filled with competent and enthusiastic Brethren.

Best wishes are extended to the Brethren of Toronto Valley for continued success in all their Scottish Rite endeavours; I look forward future visits.

Valley of Woodstock

The OV to Woodstock Valley was originally scheduled for December 5, 2024; however, due to inclement winter weather and driving conditions, it was rescheduled and held January 16, 2025. The evening featured the conferral of the Fourteenth Degree, and the Election of the Officers of the Lodge. An in-person SLT meeting was also held on January 16th with 10 participants. The following is a summary of visits, SLT meeting, and the condition of Scottish Rite in this Valley.

Membership (as of December 5, 2024 [2023 numbers])
Lodge of Perfection (Warrant – 1955) = 243 (reduction of 14 from 2022)
Centennial Chapter of Rose Croix (Warrant – 1966) = 198 (reduction of 11 from 2022)

It is noted that (as per a Valley report) membership has been experiencing a gradual and steady decline of over 4% per annum; this consistent tend has existed for approximately two decades. It was also remarked that the median age of a member is approximately 72 years; but, for all intents and purposes, this value has remained fixed.

Membership in this Valley continues to be a major concern of its SLT; however, there is also a strong determination to carry onward in due Masonic fashion with the portrayal and conferral of the various degrees the Valley presents. To that end, 4 candidates received their 14th Degree on the evening of the OV and will now have also received their 18th.

Leadership
The SLT is composed of the Honorary Inspectors-General, senior Officers of each body, the Grand Secretary/Registrar, and the Grand Treasurer. Annually in early June, a Planning Meeting is held to determine dates for the Degrees. The Schedule runs from late September until Easter; one anomaly is that the 4th Degree is presented in early May. Accordingly, the SLT devises and directs the degrees, and oversees the administration of the Valley.

The SLT continues to urge the Brethren of the Valley to support where and when they can, by taking part in the Officer line, being a member of a Degree cast, or providing willing help behind-the-scenes. Officer progression remains an issue, but more so in the Chapter where past Lodge Officers occupy some of the chairs.

Communication
Almost 90% of the Valley membership receives Notices/Summons via email, which is very high percentage and to be commended. However, without a tracking system, there is no way to know nor confirm emails opened and/or read. In addition to a Valley Newsletter, it continues to distribute a minimum of 2 Notices/Summons per year; late summer and an early spring update.

Four times annually "The Luminary", produced by Ill. Bro. Ron Findlater, 33°, is issued electronically to the Valley (and beyond). Moreover, it is also posted on the SC website in the News drop-down menu under

the heading 'Valley Newsletters'. The Valley is mentioned for this Newsletter as there are only 9 Valleys in Canada to have one archived on the SC website.

Education & Enlightenment (E&E)
The E&E Committee Playbills are being used by the Degree Directors; Playbills are usually supplemented by the Pre and Post Degree Explanation. Upon completion of their 14th and 18th Degree respectively, each new member receives a package containing the approved SC publications for both the Lodge of Perfection, and the Chapter of Rose Croix.

As a gentle reminder, the SLT is informed of the various music files available off the SC website which are in an mp3 format. Unfortunately, the Valley does not have an Organist, and it is generally agreed that music enhances many, if not all of the degrees of our Rite.

Valley Fellowship
Dispensation once again allowed the Valley to host an Open Installation for its Lodge of Perfection; it was a reported success. This is a time for family and friends, who are able to attend, to witness this impressive Ceremony which is followed by a social gathering and meal at a local eatery. The appropriate Warden and General maintain the tradition of hosting a social time in the banquet room following each Degree. These event, and any others the Valley host, are warmly welcomed by all, especially when Ladies and family are able to attend.

Valley Uniqueness
The physical coverage area of this Valley is generally the County of Oxford; however, members also hail from parts of Norfolk and Elgin. The Woodstock Masonic Centre, home of the Valley's Lodge of Perfection and the Centennial Chapter of Rose Croix, is positioned near the midpoint of the County; travel distance/time to the Centre from Valley borders it is not unreasonable.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
Some time ago, the Valley produced its own brochure to promote Scottish Rite within its catchment area. The distribution of this brochure, in combination with the publication of Scottish Rite meetings in local Craft Lodge Summons, continues to be used as a vehicle to attempt to attract new members, as well as remind current members of upcoming A&ASR meetings.

It was expressed by the SLT that it felt the Valley would benefit if there were to be more support from local Craft Lodges in regard to encouraging their Master Masons to seek further light in masonry by joining the A&ASR. To that end, it was indicated that in 2024 calendar year, only approximately 25 Masons were initiated in Wilson District. However, although this is not a large number, any District support to increase the membership of the A&ASR would be welcomed.

Financial Health
The Grand Secretary/Registrar and Grand Treasurer indicated that they optimistically calculate the Valley to be financially sustainable for at least another 20 years. However, they also suggested that should there be a downward trend in financial markets and dollar values, it could then put the Valley in some financial distress within less than 10 years. Regardless, at present, the Valley is in a stable financial condition.

Valley Improvement Plan (VIP)
Although discussed, it was not confirmed if the VIP has had any recent amendments or revisions. Accordingly, it is recommended that, if possible, the Valley dedicate some time and effort to its VIP so that it is more up-to-date and reflects existing circumstances.

General Comments
The Lodge and the Chapter in this Valley continue to face and to overcome similar challenges to those affecting other Valleys in Ontario and Canada. The effort and commitment of the SLT is both recognized

and commended; it is trusted that it will continue to serve this Valley by doing that which it is right to do, because it is right and therefore ought to be done.

Best wishes are extended to the Brethren of Woodstock Valley for continued success in all their Scottish Rite endeavours; I look forward future visits.

Closing

I offer my appreciation to the Grand Secretary-General, Ill. Bro. Terry A. McLean, 33°, as well as to my fellow Ontario Deputies, for their dependable support and guidance.

Lastly, sincere gratitude is accorded the staff in the Supreme Council office. Ms. Leslie Drake (Office & Finance Administrator); Ms. Barb Lee (Office Administrator); and Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, (COO); my thanks to each of you for your ongoing cheerful assistance and direction during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey R. Dickson, 33°
Deputy for Ontario

Report of the Deputy for Ontario (Richard E. Jones)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

I am pleased to submit the report on Scottish Rite in Southwestern Ontario for the year 2025-2024.

Preface

The positive energy of the four Valleys of Chatham, London, Sarnia and Windsor has been maintained following the pandemic and this year has resulted in a more active engagement of brethren including a significant uplift in new memberships into Scottish Rite compared with the last few years. Collaboration between these four Valleys has gotten stronger and pre-pandemic practices have been re-established including one Valley performing work for another in installations, and degrees. Consistory Degree teams are back in great form and have been successful in Consistory reunions this past year.

The officer chairs are on their way to being filled with new members who have not served these roles in the past. Degree teams are being populated as well and other Valley committees are including newer members to assist in the work of the Valley. The recovery from the pandemic now well under still shows that full recovery will be another year or two away.

Across the Valleys, at their respective spring reunions a total of 25 new members of the Lodge of Perfection were initiated and completed the 14th Degree. Further the number of departures in membership was 43 of which 40 were deaths. Thus, the four Valleys have had good additions in the form of new members however, the total membership of the four Valleys has incurred a net loss of membership of 18. This is a significant reduction in net loss of members from the prior few years.

Overall, the four Valleys are quite active again and continue to rebuild from the Pandemic but are well on their way to full recovery. The enthusiasm and positive energy is fathomable and most welcome boding well for a strong future. Visitors are most welcome to any of their regular meetings including reunions.

Valley of Chatham

Attendees
TPGM, MWS, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurers, and Deputy for Ontario.
Regrets: None

Membership
Chatham Lodge of Perfection: 2024 - 122 with 1 initiate and 1 restoration. Deaths 2, Withdrawals 2. The net reduction for the year is 2 for a Valley member roster of 120 members.
Chatham Chapter Rose Croix: 2024- 110 with 1 initiate and 1 restoration. Losses totalled 3, 2 Deaths and 1 Withdrawal for a net change in membership of minus 1 for a new member total of 109.

The membership is well engaged in recruiting new members form their activity in craft lodges, to the Scottish Rite website and the annual George Morris Night in September every year. Most contacts with Craft Masons is on a 1-to-1 basis.

Activity in retention of new members continues to be focused on getting new members to work within the Valley. Such options include Degree teams, officer chairs, and committees. The place of Scottish Rite and Masonry in general in a new members life is well characterized as being Family first. Further members of the Valley take the time to get to know a new member's family while discussing ways in which the Valley can keep the new member satisfied with their choice of continuing their +Masonic journey into Scottish Rite.

Members have expressed things they would like to see in their involvement with Scottish Rite to include well run and informative meetings, meaningful ritual and fun& fellowship.

Communications
Primary mode of communication with member ship is the summons in electronic form. The Valley intends to restart a Valley Newsletter in the near future and would consider establishing a website should a generic website template be available. The challenge will be to secure stable editorial leadership form the membership to maintain the website. The Valley does use Facebook and email information systems for member information.

Leadership
The Valley plans to get new members involved in the Lodge and Chapter activities promptly upon being admitted to the respective bodies. Overall, the plan for preparing and advancing brethren in the chairs and leadership roles appears in place and is being applied to those currently in the chairs. However, to expand leadership development plans to full potential, the need of new members is central to such an outcome. The spring reunion for Lodge of Perfection had two candidates. Future plans to consider new member interest in the chairs and other leadership roles in the Valley. The Valley has a long-standing Bylaw and has thus not needed to use the current template for its writing. It is expected when an update to the Bylaw is necessary, the template would be used. Valley Officer Manuals are not in place. The Valley does use member to solve issues as they arise.

Fellowship
Two key activities of fellowship were presented. First is the George Morris Fellowship night which originally began to recognize a prominent leader among the Valley and has now become formally a ladies night for the Valley. In September 2024, the Valley was delighted to host the Sovereign Grand Commander and his lady as they joined in this exciting event. The Valley also took the opportunity to Celebrate the Supreme Council 150th Celebration. There is significant inter-valley support and work among Windsor, Chatham and Sarnia in installing officers of and composing degree teams including a degree team for Moore Sovereign Consistory.

Unique item about Chatham Valley
The members of the Valley when asked will commonly step up to help on any need.

Finance
The Valley has a good financial position and a strong life membership fund.

Long range planning
A key focus is to recruit more members from the younger decades to better assure a continuous succession of leaders that will keep the Valley Strong for the future. The Valley will redouble its efforts in focusing on Craft Lodges for membership.

General Comment
The Valley's Continues to have strong energy and interest form among its membership to ensure their experience in Scottish Rite meets their expectations. The growth of the Valley is nominal to slight decrease overall from last year (a significant improvement from the immediate post-pandemic period) there are however, younger members coming into the Valley.

As with last year, local challenges remain however, leadership is making good gains in restoring the Valley to its pre-pandemic member experience.

Valley of London

Attendees
TPGM, MWS, Past MWS, Secretary, Registrar, both Treasurers, First General, Grand Prior and Deputy for Ontario.
Regrets: Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden, Second General

Membership
London Lodge of Perfection: 2024 - 783 a net reduction of 14 from prior year. There were 14 initiations, 1 Affiliation, 28 Deaths and 1 Suspension.
London Chapter Rose Croix: 2024 - 863 a net reduction of 17 from prior year. There were 8 receiving the 15th degree, and 25 Deaths.

The Valley reports they are seeing good quality Masons applying for initiation in the Lodge of Perfection both in terms of ritual performance in their Craft lodges but also interest in joining degree teams and stepping up for officer chairs. The Secretary and Registrar have shared with their respective degree teams the coordinates for the new members in each body to the degree Directors to aid in filling current opportunities in degree teams.

Membership growth is largely by word of mouth with a group of Lodge of Perfection members holding to proceed to Chapter until all the group can complete these degrees together.

The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation Bear Logo, pin and Banner have generated several questions which local Scottish Rite members are happy to explain. The building where Scottish Rite meets is used by several Craft Lodges increasing the visibility of both Scottish Rite and Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation banners.

Despite the membership roster of both bodies, the number in regular attendance is low. The Valley has realized they need to undertake developing a different strategy to re-engage with members encouraging their renewed attendance. Many younger members indicate that time with family and children's sports or other after school activities are taking priority. Use of the Health Assessment Tool will be undertaken by the Valley Advisory Committee in the future. This should help with developing suitable strategies to re-engage with members including those with young active families.

Communications
A growing number of members have confirmed they prefer email communication so the regular mailings from the Valley. Both Bodies and the Consistory Club regularly combine mailings to manage postage expense at present. The collections of Summons and other newsletters can all be sent electronically as well. A Valley website is not planned in the near future nor do they use social media for communications.

Leadership
The Valley has an Advisory committee restarted successfully and are finding that vacant officer chairs are being filled by interested and otherwise capable members. There is a Valley Plan in place and members regularly assist in solving challenges. A Valley Officers Manual is in development and the Bylaw tool is used when last updating the Valley Bylaw.

Fellowship
The Valley is trying to reinvigorate pre-pandemic events that include members and their ladies. They are expected to continue to experiment with new ideas as new members begin to get active in the Valley.

The Charity Golf Tournament ran again this year and is scheduled again for the Summer of 2025. The Consistory Club BBQ was a successful event again in support of the Consistory Club program of providing orthotic and other devices free to those in need across the greater London community.

Unique item about London Valley
The extent of the Consistory Club's reach into the community with 50 to 60 items of medical equipment being loaned out each day that its depot is open to the public. There is a similar number of items being returned which need to be cleaned, repaired, and readied for the next person in need. This operation is carried out by about 30 Scottish Rite volunteers from the Valley of London and is well known to the physiotherapy community in London.

Finance
Both the London Lodge of Perfection and the London Chapter Rose Croix are financially very healthy. The Valley finance Committees oversee ongoing management of resources to ensure long term viability of the Valley. The focus continues to follow current financial strategy securing the Valley's long-term future. The executive has been considering a suitable opportunity for the Deputy's Award program but were not able to partake in this opportunity this year.

General Comment
The annual reunions (one each for Lodge of Perfection and Chapter) have seen good numbers of new members completing these degrees. This is a major uptick form the Pandemic and immediate post-pandemic years. Officer chairs are now well into being filled with new members marking a significant change since the pandemic. The number of new members and working to regularly engage them and many older members to remain active in regular meetings has become a priority to ensure the Valley remains a meaningful Masonic option of Craft Masons.

The Advisory Committee continues to deal with the challenge of the generational difference in home-work-life-Masonry-Scottish Rite-etc. balances for newer, younger members. We look forward to the Valley's approach as it achieves optimizing value of participation for all members especially the newest members to keep them active in Scottish Rite.

Valley of Sarnia

Attendees
TPGM, Valley Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Valley Treasurer.
Regrets: None

Membership

Sarnia Lodge of Perfection: 2024 - 134

There were four initiations in the year and 1 death. No affiliations, restorations, withdrawals or suspensions in the year.

The Valley has been active within local Craft lodges in recruiting new members enabling the Valley to recruit four new members to Scottish Rite in the last year. It is also recognized that the current Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario is also a member of the Sarnia Valley. Recruiting is mostly done by word of mouth. Further, the Valley offers a Second Degree team to the Craft lodges in the region. The Valley members also take the opportunity to present the new Master Mason with a short introduction to Scottish Rite upon completing the 3rd Degree.

Engagement of new members is often done by starting them in the chairs. Current and new members benefit from partner nights, and personal notes from the Secretary inviting members to attend Lodge.

Members find that networking, outside of lodge family-oriented activities and a member or guest being deliberately welcomed to a Lodge meeting or Valley event.

The Valley will be investigating how best to reach out to members unable to attend Valley events or Lodge meetings, they will employ the HAT tool to better characterize how best to connect with membership. Finally, they will look to incorporating more education including presentation of the 6th and 8th degree videos.

Communications

The Valley does not have a website nor does it publish a regular newsletter, however, information regarding the London Learning Centre is regularly shared with members. Email communications are common but do not use social media. Members are aware of the Supreme Council website and they have submitted articles for the Clarion.

Leadership

There is currently no Valley improvement plan in place despite often using members to address issues as they arise. The Valley has a Rite Committee composed of the Valley leadership and any members that wish to attend, which regularly reviews and discusses issues of the operation of the Valley and planning for any upcoming issues or events.

The Valley has an Officers manual for each position and office manuals for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. They have not used the Bylaw template as they do not have a current need to update their Bylaw and further, the Secretary and Treasurer have been in their respective positions for many years and thus have not used the manuals for these roles recently.

Fellowship

The Valley does have regular events including families and partners across the year. They began their year in 2024 with a celebration dinner inclusive of the Mayor and local MPP focused on the Supreme Council 125th celebration year. They are active within Craft lodges as outlined above and make this a regular practice. Central to their approach is the personal touch approach. They prioritize reaching out and connecting in person, over the phone or by specially directed mail to members ensuring they are receiving the desired benefit from Scottish Rite in Sarnia. Sarnia Valley also collaborates with Windsor, Chatham and London Valleys when supporting new members to move through the Lodge of Perfection degrees.

Unique item about Windsor Valley

The Valley prides itself on consistent participation form membership across the Valley.

Education & Enlightenment
Playbills and degree explanations are not currently used for the degrees. The 6th and 8th degree videos are in their plans to use as education for a regular meeting night in the future. Directing members to the Supreme Council Education and Enlightenment site is common. An updated history of the Valley in in process and expected to be completed in the coming months. The Library site has been used by the Valley and they are regular users of the Deputy's Award program. The Orator of the Valley has a regular piece of education at every meeting which is well received.

Finance
The Valley is a commuted dues Valley and it appears their fund, from an early draft, meets the prescribed holding for their membership. Operating position of the Valley is modest but meets their needs sufficiently.

General Comment
There is one element when attending the Sarnia Valley that stands out. You are welcomed and treated like family consistently with a friendly handshake and taking the time to learn what is new to you since last meeting. The positive energy for a smaller Valley is more than expected and is supported by a team of leaders well skilled and able to lead as a strong performing team.

Valley of Windsor

Attendees
TPGM, MWS, Past Deputy, SGIG, Valley Secretary, Valley Treasurer.
Regrets: None

Membership
Windsor Lodge of Perfection: 2023 - 224
Windsor Chapter Rose Croix: 2023- 221
There were four initiations in the year and 9 deaths. No affiliations, restorations, withdrawals or suspensions in the year.

The local Craft lodges have been active in recruiting new members enabling the Valley to recruit several members to Scottish Rite. The Valley has an Ambassador program targeted at bringing the Scottish Rite more effectively to the local Craft Lodges. The 150th Celebration of Supreme Council was open to concordant bodies and Craft Lodges for the Gala event. The Valley is near completion of a new Bylaw which is replete with new opportunities to engage in outreach inclusive of family and friends in support for Scottish Rite and the Craft in general. The Valley also participates in Grand Lodge Nights in the region.

Communications
Communication to members commonly includes mailing of the regular summons. Renewing their regular publication "The Pelican" has yet to restart post pandemic due to inability to find an editor to oversee its production. Work continues to find such a person. Video meetings continue as needed. The Valley continues to submit articles for the Clarion.

Leadership
The Valley is excited to be nearing completion on a new Bylaw for the Valley which will bring much needed upgrades to having a strong plan for the Valley's future. Further, both bodies continue to use membership in addressing challenges being faced by the Valley. There is a very strong sense of cohesion and excitement with toward completion of the update of their current Bylaw. Use of the various resources for offices and leadership in the Valley is common. Key parts are embodied within their new Bylaw to ensure they are followed through on as each brother advances through the chairs.

Lodge of Perfection plan to having all officer chairs occupied with members new to the position is on track to being fulfilled as planned.

Fellowship

The Windsor has a number of Fellowship initiatives actively supported by the Valley and includes collaboration with Chatham and Sarnia Valleys. These include post meeting meals, joint fraternal events in May with Chatham and Sarnia, joint Valley with Chatham for the Moore Sovereign Consistory 23rd Degree team, Christmas cookies for shut-in members and widows, and Easter lilies for the widows. Further events include a ladies night for the Chapter, and a banquet luncheon for both the Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix associated with their reunions. Finally, Windsor and Chatham Valleys are back to regularly operating as installing teams for the other Valley in Both Bodies (LOP & RC). Collaboration with Sarnia as well has occurred for degree work and reunions in support new members completing the necessary degrees in a timely manner. This approach is engaged when personal scheduling challenges with a candidate brother exist, the focus has been to not let such issues unnecessarily delay progression through the degrees.

Unique item about Windsor Valley

The Windsor Valley leadership is most proud of their respect of each other “all are equal” the quality of their ritual work and the local Learning Centre for Children with Dyslexia. They are also proud of the close relationship they share with Chatham Valley.

Education & Enlightenment

Playbills, degree explanations are used for the degrees. There is a Valley Education coordinator who will have a reinvigorated role embodies in the new Valley Bylaw. Active promotion of the Education and Enlightenment tab on the A.A.S.R. website commonly brings attention to this robust resource for all members. A research club has been established to foster thought and friendship in the Valley. Updating of the Valley’s History is underway.

Finance

Both the 2024 financial statements for Lodge of Perfection and Chapter Rose Croix show each body is a strong and stable financial position. They have good investment management services enabling the Valley to remain on a strong financial footing presently and looking forward. The Valley also has a member who has been successful is developing a process to optimize securing resources form provincial and municipal resources for various building projects thereby contributing to keeping the home of the Valley is in a great state of repair. Long range financial plans are in place to ensure the Valley finances remain in a good position supporting a strong future. The Valley has also made a significant contribution to the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. And introducing the blue envelope program to new candidates will begin this year. The Valley has a Commuted Dues membership system and their financial position on the commuted dues fund is in good order.

General Comment

The positive energy and warm support for all who participate in the Valley as a member and a guest are well genuinely appreciated among the membership. Windsor Valley members are active in the full range of scope of Scottish Rite including the Windsor Learning Centre for Children with Dyslexia. Many are active in Moore Sovereign Consistory and Supreme Council on several fronts. This degree of engagement is well recognized and respected.

Closing Comments:

This year has been both a pleasure and an honour to serve these incredible four Valleys as their Deputy. The Strength of their involvement and commitment to Scottish Rite of Canada is strong and bodes well for a solid future in these Valleys. I remain very grateful to the Secretaries and Registrars of the Valleys for their incredible assistance and expertise in keeping all so well organized, especially this Deputy.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Jones, 33º
Deputy for Ontario

Report of the Deputy for
Quebec
(Fayez Oustwani)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

It is my utmost honour and pleasure to be in the position of Deputy of Supreme Council, and to present a report on the state of the A.A.S.R. in the province of Quebec.

Membership in the province of Quebec is seeing a total general increase of 15% since last year.

Valley of Montreal

Membership

Hochelaga Grand Lodge of Perfection (English)	2023: 168	2024: 181
La Loge de Perfection fleur de Lys (French)	2023: 106	2024: 136

The Valley of Montreal uniquely has six constituent bodies due to language preference. The English bodies are the Hochelaga Grand Lodge of Perfection, the Hochelaga Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix and the Montreal Sovereign Consistory. The French bodies are La Loge de Perfection fleur de Lys, Le Chapitre de Rose Croix de Mont Réal, and La Consistoire du Phénix.

The English side's members appear to show a higher level of implication, dedication, and participation, where member attendance appears to be higher and all work done by its officers continues to be done from memory and in an excellent manner. On the French side, the work is almost entirely read out in every degree. In the Consistoire du Phénix, the officers were not able to organize and confer the 32° on its scheduled date in May 2025 due to a lack of member engagement. As a consequence, 9 out of the 11 members of the 2024 class took their 32° degree on the English side. The Consistoire du Phénix is aiming to confer the 32° in the fall for the remaining 2 members of the class. In general, though the French side is seeing an increase in membership, it appears that recruiting implicated and dedicated new officers seems to be a challenge. All the organization and work is done by a handful of dedicated Brothers.

Communications

The Valley continues to use electronic delivery for notices, minutes of meetings, and dissemination of communications from Supreme Council and other Valleys. A new special "Official Communication" brochure was emailed to the new class, welcoming them and highlighting to them what to expect on the road ahead, in terms of the structure of the Rite, the schedule and the participation expected.

Leadership

A joint Executive Committee for all six constituent bodies, with two Grand Secretaries, one English speaking and one French speaking, headed by one Chairman, takes place monthly to organize and plan the activities of the Valley. The Executive Committee meetings are generally well attended in person with a few joining by Zoom who are not able to make it. The meetings are conducted in an effective, professional and amical manner. Leadership is strong in the Valley, where a core of dedicated 33^{rds} and other past and current Heads-of-bodies are doing a great job motivating and engaging the members by performing their duties diligently and promptly and leading by example.

Unfortunately, the newly elected Most Wise Sovereign, a past TPGM, Ill. Bro. Salim Masri, 32°, had to be suspended from the A.A.S.R due to being suspended from the Grand Lodge of Quebec due to some conflicts he had been having at his blue lodge and District. From the A.A.S.R perspective, Ill. Bro. Salim Masri, had been a very dedicated and active member, particularly delivering high quality ritual in various

degrees. There seems to be a potential inclination for his reinstatement by the new Grand Master, Ill. Bro. George Contaxakis, 33°.

Education and Enlightenment

The members of the class have been for many years, and are still currently asked to prepare a mandatory reflection paper after every degree to be submitted before receiving the subsequent degree. The aim is to encourage them to revisit and analyze the degree to ensure a deeper understanding of its teachings and to create the notion of merit before advancement. If time permits, one paper is selected by the head of body and is read out by the candidate at every meeting.

As the personal interest of the Deputy is Masonic education, he had dedicated all of his Deputy speeches at the end of meetings to a short 4-5 minute lecture on the deeper and esoteric aspects of the symbolism and philosophy of each degree.

On May 6th, 2025, the Valley of Montreal, spearheaded by the organizational and presentation skills of Ill. Bro. Rami El Arja, 33°, hosted a “Master Mason night” to promote the A.A.S.R. A bilingual educational presentation was made using PowerPoint, based on relevant materials derived from the Supreme Council website. The presentation was followed by a discussion and Q & A period and the event ended with light snacks and Drinks and informal discussion. 25 Brothers were in attendance in total, 16 A.A.S.R. members + 9 potential candidates. All 9 submitted applications.

Uniqueness and Fellowship

As stated previously, the Valley of Montreal is unique as it is the only bilingual Valley in Canada, having two sides due to language preference. Fellowship and comradery appear to be quite strong on each respective side. The Lodge room is often echoing loudly with excitement and chatter before and after meetings, and is particularly noticeable after the festive board where many brothers remain to socialize long after the meeting has ended.

In an effort to encourage and increase Fellowship and comradery, the Executive Committee had decided, a couple of years ago, to have a festive board after every meeting, an initiative which seems to be quite successful.

Financial Health

As reflected in their Financial statements, the finances are thriving in 2024, with increased dividends from investments and a positive cash flow in the bank account.

Official Visits & Special Events

The Deputy had made his official visits and was received in due form under the swords and stars, and was warmly welcomed by the brethren at the below mentioned dates:
Hochelaga GLP: Feb 24th, 2025
Fleur de Lys LP: Feb 27th, 2025

The Deputy, in his capacity to represent the A.A.S.R, was invited with his lady to attend the Karnak Shriners 125th anniversary event and Gala on May 17th, 2025. He was officially received among other dignitaries. The Deputy was also invited to represent the Supreme Council of the A.A.S.R. to the Grand Lodge of Quebec Annual Communication and Gala on May 24th 2025, and was also officially received among other dignitaries.

Valley Improvement Plan

A special committee was appointed to change, modernize, and improve the sound, lighting, and electrical systems in the Scottish Rite room in order to improve the ambiance and overall experience.

Valley of Quebec

The Valley of Quebec currently only has a lodge of Perfection, after their Rose Croix Chapter had surrendered its Charter last year, due to dwindling membership and a lack of engagement and implication from various officers. Their Lodge of Perfection only meets three times per year and has only ever conferred the 4° and 5°, and continues to do so until now. From the 7° and onwards, the candidates must receive their degrees in the Valley of Montreal.

Membership

Loge de Perfection de Quebec	2023: 33	2024: 34

Financial Health

The Financial health is very good. They have enough funds for regular business, and some funds placed in various investments.

Official Visit

The Deputy had made his official visit and was received in due form on January 29th, 2025, to attend their elections and installations meeting.

Future Outlook

After a recent discussion with the Grand Secretary, Ill. Bro. Gilles Chiniara, 33°, had expressed to the Deputy that it was the intention of a zealous group of members to redouble their efforts to restore, revive and even progress the activities of their Valley. They intend to organize and actually confer all the mandatory degrees of the lodge of Perfection for the year 2026. In the hopes of eventually reactivating their Rose Croix Chapter Charter.

Respectfully submitted,
Fayez Oustwani, 33°
Deputy for Quebec

Report of the Deputy for
Saskatchewan
(William C. Fitzsimmons)

To the Supreme Council 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada.

Sovereign Grand Commander, Peers, and Brethren:

Valley of Regina

My official visit to the Valley of Regina, Saturday May 10, 2025, was to witness the 30th and 31st Degree with 5 candidates. This visit was held at the Masonic Lodge in Regina. Due to the lack of sufficient officers and members the 32nd Degree will be conferred in September.

Membership

Lodge of Perfection	193 members
Chapter of Rose Croix	186 members
Saskatchewan Consistory	181 members

Communications

There has been a change in the Valley Secretary. After almost two decades, Foster Martin has passed the pen to Jonas Cossette.

The majority of members continue to receive communications electronically with just a few who receive information by mail.

Leadership
There is very little officer overlap in the three bodies. They have very experienced Active and Past Actives in the Valley as well as hard working Honorary Inspectors-General.

Fellowship
In late November the annual Christmas dinner and Fraternal Ladies night was held in the lower Masonic Hall. This is a wonderful occasion full of goodwill, good food and good fellowship; a preamble to the Christmas season.
Valley's Connections and Support of Craft Lodges
Since the decline of Covid, visitations have gradually started again.

Financial Health
This Valley is in excellent financial health.

General Comments and Observations
The Valley of Regina continues to be is a place where visitors are warmly welcomed.

Valley of Saskatoon

My Official Visit to the Valley of Saskatoon was during the Rose Croix Reunion April 17, 2025, at the Masonic Temple in Saskatoon. There were five new candidates.

Membership

Lodge of Perfection	89 members
Chapter of Rose Croix	89 members
Consistory	89 members

Communications
The majority of correspondence of quarterly notices, meeting minutes and Reunion programs are sent electronically. Hard copies of notices and Reunion Programs are also provided at regular and reunion meetings for the brethren. The Valley website Committee continues to provide information about meetings and other Valley happenings.

Leadership
Most Honorary Inspectors-General take an active role as the participants and directors. They are hard working and provide leadership and mentoring roles. The executive team oversees most of the operations in Saskatoon. This team consists of the principal officers, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Fellowship
At the Consistory Reunions, Regina Valley members would come to Saskatoon to assist with the Tents and Standards. In past years, Regina Valley has requested the Saskatoon 24th Degree Team go to Regina and portray the 24th Degree.

Uniqueness
The Saskatoon Valley has a high percentage of younger 33rds. The Ritual work of the Valley continues to be excellent.

Craft Lodge Initiatives
The Valley of Saskatoon has a Second Degree Team composed of younger members who portray the Second Degree in Craft Lodges.

Many of our Scottish Rite members are regular attenders of their Craft Lodges including five Past Grand Masters.

Financial Health
The auditors' report indicates the Valley is in a good financial position.

General Comments and Observations
The Valley of Saskatoon is an excellent place to visit. The environment in the room is warm and friendly. The more mature brethren are willing to give the younger members a chance. As stated earlier, the thirty-thirds are hard working, and cooperative. This positive attitude has done, and will continue, to serve the Valley of Saskatoon well.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Ill. Bro. Terry McLean, 33°, Ill. Bro. Steven Warren, 33°, COO; Ill. Bro. Thomas A. Wills, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander, and Ms. Leslie Drake, for all their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Fitzsimmons, 33°
Deputy for Saskatchewan

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Rejoice ye dead, where'er your spirits dwell
Rejoice that yet on earth your fame is bright,
And that your names, remembered day and night,
Live on the lips of those who love you well.
~ Robert Bridges

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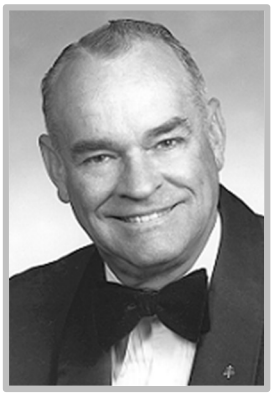


Past Deputy Gerald Allister Chaulk, age 92, passed away on Tuesday May 6, 2025 at the Moncton City Hospital. He was born on August 20, 1932 in New Glasgow, the son of the late Willis and Marjorie (Muirhead) Chaulk.

His education took place in Oxford and Stellarton schools followed by his graduation from the Maritime Business College in New Glasgow. In 1948 he began employment with the Canadian National Railway – Transportation Department in Stellarton. In 1951 transferred to the Express Department and relocated to Halifax. He was promoted to the Superintendent's office in 1956 in Moncton. His employment with Canadian National Railways consisted of 39 years with his retirement in 1987 as Regional Operations Manager, Express Freight Division.

On July 25, 1959 Gerry and Frances Elizabeth O'Leary were married and began their life together as a couple in Moncton until her passing on December 21, 2018. Gerry was also predeceased by his three sisters Elva Brownell, Marlene McKee and Carole Ann Chaulk.

Gerry's Masonic service began with his initiation to Acacia Lodge No. 49 in Moncton, N.B. on September 30, 1959, passed on October 26, 1959 and raised as a Master Mason on November 28, 1959. He was installed as Worshipful Master on January 20,1996 and served as a Grand Steward (1996-05 to 1997-05) and as a Junior Grand Deacon at Grand Lodge (1997-05) to 1998 -05). He also received his long service 50 & 60 year certificate and jewel from Grand Lodge in 2009 and 2019. Gerry was appointed as a Grand Representative to Delaware in 2001.

Gerry's involvement in Scottish Rite began with his membership in the Moncton Lodge of Perfection in the 4th degree conferral on November 11, 1960 followed by the other degrees in May of 1961. in October 1966 he became a member of the Harrington Chapter Rose Croix and in November, 1966 a member of the New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory. Gerry was an active participant in Scottish Rite as a member, ritualist, T.P.G.M. Moncton Lodge of Perfection - 1969, M.W.S. - Britton Chapter Rose Croix - 1980. He was Coroneted H.I.G. 33 degrees in Ottawa in 1974 and Crowned as an Active member in Winnipeg in September 1980 and served as Provincial Deputy for New Brunswick from 1980 – 1994, and an Active Member from 1994 until 2007 when he moved to that of a Past Active member. In 1968 Gerry joined Luxor Temple Shrine and served as president of the Northeast Shrine Oriental Band Association.

In November 1973 Gerry was received into the Royal Order of Scotland in New Brunswick, an active participant for many years in the office of Substitute Provincial Grand Master. Gerry was involved in many ways in each of the organizations in which he was a member – through his regular attendance, his excellent ritual and presentation skills and his regard for others. His belief and support of the Moncton Learning centre certainty was a contributing factor in its success.

ILL. BRO. HAROLD EDWARD **CROSBY**, 33°
Past Sovereign Grand Commander

M. W. Bro. Harold Edward Crosby was born on August 6th, 1926, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Elsie and James Crosby. He was educated in Halifax, qualified as a Chartered Professional Accountant in 1948, and he practiced public accounting with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., serving as Managing Partner of the firm from 1972 until retirement in 1984. He served as President of the Halifax Board of Trade during 1972 - 1973 and as President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, 1977 - 1978.

On November 27th, 1948, Brother Crosby married Jessie Eliza Hatfield; they had three children, Ada, James and Gregory, two grandsons, John and Andrew, two great grandsons Willem & Declan, and one great granddaughter Brigid.

Within the community, Brother Crosby served as Warden of St. James Anglican Church in Halifax, and then, after moving his family to Timberlea into the home he had designed and built, he served as Warden for St. Andrew's Anglican Church. He was greatly instrumental in designing, building, and gathering volunteers to help build the new church, completed in 1956. During Saint Andrew's 100th anniversary celebration in 2019, the community gathered to honour Mr. Crosby for his significant contribution.

In public life, Brother Crosby was a member of the Board of the Halifax Housing Authority, and of the Municipal Development and Planning Committee of the City of Halifax. He served as a member of the Finance Committee of the University of Kings College and as a member of the Board of Governors of Mount Saint Vincent University. Harold and Jessie also were key supporters, donors and board members of the Nova Scotia Talent Trust, Symphony Nova Scotia, and Neptune Theatre.

Brother Crosby was raised in Acadia Lodge No. 14 on April 30th, 1949, was Worshipful Master,1956 – 1957, and Treasurer from 1958 – 1968. In 2000, he affiliated with Athole Lodge No. 15 when Acadia went into darkness. He also affiliated at that time, with Equity Lodge No. 106, which had held special meaning for his father, James Crosby, as he had played a pivotal role in its formation. Brother Harold affiliated also with Ad Astra Lodge No. 130, when Athole Lodge No. 15 went into darkness. He remained a member of both Equity Lodge and Ad Astra Lodge for the rest of his days.

Ill. Bro. Crosby joined the Scottish Rite, receiving the 14th degree in 1953, 18th degree in 1966 and 32nd degree in 1967. He became the Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Victoria Lodge of Perfection for the Valley of Halifax in 1973. He then served as Grand Treasurer for this body, for the Keith Chapter of Rose Croix and for the Nova Scotia Consistory. He was Coroneted Honorary Inspector-General, 33˚, at Regina in 1976, Crowned Active Member at Peterborough in 1981, and served as Illustrious Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland 1981-1988. He was elected Lieutenant Grand Commander in 1991 and served as Sovereign Grand Commander from 1994 to 1997. Bro. Crosby was admitted to membership in the Royal Order of Scotland in 1973, and was appointed Provincial Grand Master for the Royal Order of Scotland of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in 1986. However, closest of all to his heart was the Scottish Rite Learning Centre for Children, where he gave tirelessly of his time, talents and resources to improve the lives of children with dyslexia. He was so pleased to see a second school started in Truro in 2024.

In 1994 Bro. Crosby was made an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. He served as Grand Representative of Argentina, as Treasurer for the Nova Scotia Freemasons Home, and for forty years he has been Grand Treasurer, from 1985 until 2025.

May it be his portion to hear from Him who sitteth as The Judge Supreme, "Well done Thou Good and Faithful Servant."

ILL. BRO. JAMES GERARD **FINCH**, 33°
Past Active Member

The Valley of St. John's was saddened by the passing of Ill. Bro. James Gerard Finch, 33°, on November 29, 2024.

Jim, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away at the age of 73 at home after a lengthy and courageous battle with PSP. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Carol, and his son, Craig (Sherry), and daughter Tina O'Brien (Blair) and granddaughters Ava and Meaghan.

Jim was born and raised in St. John's. He started his working career in 1968 as a dental technician. In 1970 he moved to Halifax for a year to study dental ceramics and crown and bridge. Having qualified as Newfoundland's first ceramic technician, he returned to St. John's and set up the first crown and bridge and ceramics department in the province. Jim was appointed manager of the company he was with, CAL Laboratory, in 1976, and carried on in that role until 1986 when he resigned and opened his own dental laboratory – Dental & Hearing Crafts Ltd. Jim grew the company and moved to a state-of-the-art facility in Mount Pearl in 1993, and in 2002 completed a major expansion which made the company the largest dental laboratory east of Montreal. On May 30, 2003, Jim was made an honorary member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Association after 35 years of service.

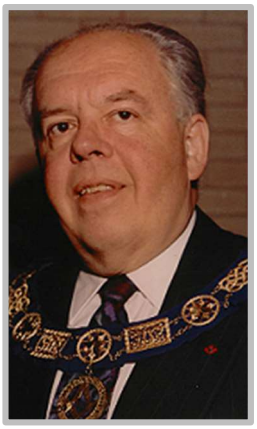
Jim's Masonic Journey began on June 15, 1989 when he was initiated into Lodge Tasker, No. 454, Grand Lodge of Scotland. He was Passed and Raised in Lodge Tasker and served as Master in both 1998 and 1999. Jim held other offices in his early years in his Mother Lodge, but is well remembered for holding the position of Tyler as long as he could regularly attend meetings. He also served as Potentate of the Mazol Shrine of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2003.

Jim received his Scottish Rite degrees in Hamilton, Ontario (for the Valley of St. John's) in 1990; the 4th on November 6, the 18th on November 7th, and the 32nd on November 10. Jim was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 16, 2004, in Edmonton, Alberta. He was Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General in Winnipeg, Manitoba. September 15, 2012, and installed as Deputy for Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland on September 19, 2015 in Windsor, Ontario.

Finally, Jim didn't limit his community contributions to the Masonic brotherhood. He served a three-year term as President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Kidney Foundation, he was President and received the designation of "Paul Harris Fellow" with the Rotary Club of Northwest St. John's, He served as a board member of the Agnes Cowan/Janeway Hostel, and sat on other boards, for both Masonic and other community organizations.

Jim was well known for his enthusiasm and dedication to the Craft. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting and knowing him.

ILL. BRO. ROZIN DANIEL **IWANICKI**, 33°
Past Active Member



The jurisdiction of Manitoba and Nunavut Territory was saddened by the passing of Ill. Bro. Roz Iwanicki, 33°, on December 30, 2024, at the age of 85.

Roz was a Past Active member of Supreme Council and the Immediate Past Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory.

He is predeceased by his parents Dmytro (Dan), and Lidia Iwanicki who immigrated from Poland to Winnipeg in the late 1920's. Roz is survived by the love of his life Cathy, to whom he was married for 47 years.

Roz was born in Winnipeg on February 19, 1939, and was employed for 35 years by the City of Winnipeg Hydro Department, retiring as Supervisor of Customer Accounts. He was an avid wood worker and enjoyed many hours tinkering in his workshop, building display fixtures for Cathy's jewellery. He was also an artist and produced many oil paintings on canvas.

Roz and Cathy were very involved with the Masonic Family and served the Fraternity for 60 years.

Roz was initiated into Fort Garry Lodge No. 130, GRM on May 13, 1970. He was passed on October 28, 1970 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 25, 1970. He served as Worshipful Master of Fort Garry Lodge in 1977. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 12th Masonic District in 1985-86.

Roz received his 4th degree on September 24, 1981 in the Valley of Winnipeg, his 14th degree on December 3, 1981, his 18th degree on March 11, 1982 and his 32nd degree on March 20, 1982. He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection in 1993-94. He chaired the Valley Council for many years, and received the Walter C. McDonald Award for Meritorious Service.

Roz was Coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General on September 12, 1996 in Calgary, Alberta. He was Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General on September 14, 2002 in Saint John, New Brunswick. He served as Deputy for Manitoba and Nunavut Territory from 2006 to 2014, when he attained Past Active status.

Roz joined Khartum Shrine and was active in the Directors Staff, serving as Director for a time. Sir Rozin "Precision" Iwanicki was received into the Royal Order of Scotland in 1997.

Roz was a true Mason, a steady counsellor and a loyal and supportive friend. He touched many lives, and our jurisdiction is poorer from his loss.

The Celebration of Life was held at the Neil Bardal Funeral Centre on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

ILL. BRO. THOMAS EDWARD **LEWIS**, 33°
Past Active Member

Thomas Edward Lewis was born in St. Catharines, Ontario on March 25, 1945, and was a lifelong resident there. After graduating high school and university he went on to become a Chartered Accountant and worked at Durward Jones Barkwell for 32 years before retiring in 1997.

Our friend Tom Lewis joined masonry with St. Andrew's Lodge No. 661 in 1966. He became the 25th Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1974. He went on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master from 1989 to 1990. He was also an honorary member of Millenium Lodge No. 1179 in New York State, Heritage Lodge No. 730 and Quator Coronati Correspondence Circle in London, England.

He served as a member of the Board of General Purposes on the Audit and Finance Committee and on the Management Committee for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Tom joined the Scottish Rite in Niagara Valley and received his 14th Degree on April 15, 1971, and then received his 18th Degree at Niagara Chapter Rose Croix on March 30, 1972. He then completed his 32nd Degree at Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton on November 11th, 1972.

He is a Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Elgin Lodge of Perfection and Tom was recently honoured as an Honorary Past Most Wise Sovereign of Niagara Chapter Rose Croix by his brethren in November 2024.

Tom was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of the 33° at St. John's N.L. on September 13, 1990, and then he was Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33° and Active Member of Supreme Council in London, Ontario on September 15th, 2001.

Tom served our Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada as the Grand Treasurer-General from 2003 to 2020 when he became a Past Active Member of Supreme Council.

Tom was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the York Rite, and so many other Masonic concordant bodies. He was also a Trustee for Niagara Valley for many years.

Tom was known to help so many local lodges, Niagara A District and their Masonic Temple Association. These things often went unnoticed as he worked quietly.

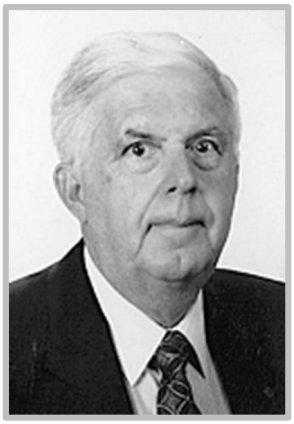
Tom was also the Treasurer for the Hamilton Valley Learning Centre for Dyslexic Children. He was the inspiration for Niagara Valley Scottish Rite to sponsor and start up Niagara Valley's own Satellite Learning Centre for Dyslexic Children in St. Catharines, Ontario.

This had already commenced by securing and furnishing a professional location in downtown St. Catharines, and with next steps to create a board membership and then start training tutors. This was Tom's dream and is in addition to the many Learning Centres across the country as part of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation.

Tom continued to support Craft Masonry for more than 58 years and his Scottish Rite support for more than 53 years. Tom was predeceased by his lovely wife Joanne.

Ill. Bro. Thomas Edward Lewis, 33°, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on Wednesday, November 27th, 2024. Rest in peace dear friend.

ILL. BRO. RICHARD DAVID **QUINTON**, 33°
Past Active Member



The Valley of Toronto was saddened by the passing of Ill. Bro. Richard David Quinton, 33°, on August 31, 2024. Ill. Bro. Quinton was born February 5, 1935, in Holland Township, Grey County, Ontario. He attended elementary school in Walter's Falls and received his secondary education at Owen Sound Collegiate. Immediately after graduating in 1953, Richard began employment with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Ltd. as a Machinist Apprentice and graduated in 1956 as a General Machinist. After graduation, he worked in various departments (Engineering) and in 1970, was promoted to the position of Supervisor Machine Shop. In 1976, he was made Department Foreman, in 1980, Divisional Foreman Plant Maintenance and finally Maintenance Manager in 1983, remaining in this position until plant closing in 1987. Richard also served as a court officer with the Metropolitan Toronto Police.

Ill. Bro. Quinton is survived by his wife Earla and his two daughters Karen and Cathy, three grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by his first wife Elaine.

The son of a Mason, Richard was initiated into Sunnylea Lodge No. 664 G.R.C. in February, 1961 and served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1969 and was made Grand Steward in 1980. Richard was a life member of Sunnylea Lodge.

Ill. Bro. Quinton's Scottish Rite journey began on January 11, 1971, when he received his 14° in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection, the 18° on April 11, 1971, in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix and the 32° in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton, on May 8, 1971. He served the Office of Most Wise Sovereign, Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, during 1984 - 85. Richard took part in many degrees in the Valley and particularly enjoyed being part of the Valley of Toronto's 21st Degree team, where he played the part of the Lieutenant Commander.

Ill. Bro. Richard Quinton was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General, 33°, in Windsor, Ontario, on September 10, 1987, and Crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, Active Member of Supreme Council, in Barrie, Ontario, on September 13, 1997. Richard served as the Grand Standard Bearer of Supreme Council from 2001 to 2007.

Ill. Bro. Quinton was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and served as the Provincial Grand Master from 2007 to 2012.

Richard will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

ILL. BRO. BENJAMIN RICHARD **BAUCH**, 33°

After a brief illness, with loved ones by his side, Richard passed away peacefully at the age of 89 on Friday evening, September 20th, 2024. Richard was pre-deceased by wife Margaret, parents Benjamin and Mathilda and sister Linda. Left to mourn his passing are his son Dean (Monique), Amelie and Stephanie, Daughter Louanne Davey, Marissa and Cassandra, Brother Irvin (Shirl), sister Janet Markwart (Ron), nieces, nephews, as well as his very dear friend Sinikka Salmi.

He was born in New Home, Manitoba and grew up on the family farm. Early in life he decided he did not want to be a farmer and ventured to Winnipeg to seek employment. After a short time, he was hired by the CPR as a fireman on the steam engines. Two years later he transferred to Fort William. In 1957, Richard became a member of the Fort William Police Service. Along with the usual patrol duties, he spent several years as Sgt. in the Detective Division. He received the Governor General Exemplary Service Medal and retired after 35 years of service.

Richard met Margaret Dawson on a New Year's Eve blind date. They married in 1961. In 1964 they finished building their home where Richard would spend the next 60 years. For many years he enjoyed curling, hunting and golf. Richard and Margaret delighted in their camp at Graham Lake. Many evenings were spent around the family campfire. Fishing, blueberry and mushroom picking are always on the agenda

Richard was a long-time active member of Calvary Lutheran Church. He had a passion for serving and volunteering. He was a member of the Kaministiquia Masonic Lodge and twice served as Master of the Lodge. In 2016, Grand Lodge appointed him as Assistant Grand Chaplain. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and in 2017 was elevated to the 33rd degree. Richard was Chairman of the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation. In addition, he was a member of the Khartum Shrine Temple in Winnipeg and Lakehead Shrine Club.

ILL. BRO. THOMAS ROY **BINNS**, 33°

The Valley of Hamilton was saddened by the passing of one of its long time, most involved members on Friday April 18, 2025 in the person of Thomas Roy Binns. Roy was born in Spital, Brombourgh in the United Kingdom on January 2, 1933. He attended public and high school in England and graduated from Toxteth Technical School as an electrician. He also held a Master Electrician's Certificate from the Province of Ontario.

Roy was initiated into Trent Lodge No. 38 G.R.C. in Trenton on March 10, 1959. He was passed to the Second Degree on February 9, 1960 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on March 8, 1960 in Trent Lodge. He subsequently affiliated with St. John's Lodge No. 40 G.R.C. in Hamilton in 1974. He served as Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge in 1981 and 1982 and as Secretary of the Lodge from, 1983 to 1993. He also served St. John's as Treasurer for many years. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District A in 1996.

Roy received his Fourteenth Degree in Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 6, 1973. He subsequently received his Eighteenth Degree in the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 11, 1974 and his Thirty-Second Degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 11, 1974. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 12, 2002 at the Annual Session of Supreme Council in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Roy served the Scottish Rite Club of Hamilton as Chairman in 2001 and 2002. He also served the Valley of Hamilton as Masonic Activities Chairman for almost two decades retiring in 2023.

Roy was also extremely active in a number of York Rite bodies. He was a member King David Chapter No. 262 R.A.M. and served as First Principal in 1991 and 1992. He served as Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District 5 in 1998. Roy was also a member of Salem Council No. 9 of the Royal and Select Masters of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, Sir William York Rite College, and Harington Conclave. He served as Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada in 2014 – 2016. He was elected Knight Commander of the Temple in 2010 and was honored with the Order of the Purple Cross in 2006.

By trade, Roy was an electrician and held an Ontario Master's Certificate. In 1967, he left the active trade to take up sales in the electrical industry. He was employed by Marr Electric for many years. In 1979, Roy purchased Swift Devices Limited in Hamilton, a manufacturer of electrical construction products with approximately twenty-five employees. He and his wife Joyce ran Swift Devices very successfully for many years. It is now prospering under the guidance of their grandson Eric.

Roy married Joyce Hodkinson in 1959. They were married for 66 years. He is survived by Joyce and their two children, Christine and Michael, his three grandchildren Eric, James and Mandy as well as five great-grandchildren Owen, Emmy, Jack, Hannah and Rylee. Roy will be greatly missed in the Valley of Hamilton.

ILL. BRO. MURRAY STRATHEARN **BLACK**, 33°

The Valley of Toronto was deeply saddened by the passing of Ill. Bro. Murray Strathern Black 33°, on May 9, 2025. Murray was born in Toronto on July 24th, 1934. He attended John Wanless Public School in Toronto and John English Public School in Mimico and on graduating from Parkdale Collegiate Institute, enrolled at Upper Canada College. Murray then attended the Toronto Teachers' College graduating in 1957 and commenced employment with the Board of Education in the Borough of North York as a teacher. To further his education, he took a course at McMaster University graduating in 1966 with his B.A in English. In 1969, he attended the University of Toronto and graduated with a M. Ed. degree in Educational Administration and in 1974 he graduated from the University of Michigan with his Ph.D. in Educational Administration. In 1977, he obtained his Supervisory Officer's Certificate from the Ontario Ministry of Education. He retired from the Board of Education of North York in 1989 as a Vice-Principal.

Ill. Bro. Black also attended the Royal Conservatory of Music and obtained the A.R.C.T. Diploma in Organ. The Associate of The Royal Conservatory (ARCT) diplomas for Performers and Teachers are the highest academic standings awarded by The Royal Conservatory.

Ill. Bro. Black was a member of the Welsh United Church of Canada and was the Organist and Director of Music at the Dewi Sant United Church from 1991 until 2010. He is a member of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, also a member and Director of The English-Speaking Union of Canada.

Ill. Bro. Black was initiated May 4, 1961, into Cathedral Lodge No. 643 G.R.C., passed October 5, 1961 and raised on November 16, 1961. Murray served as Worshipful Master of Cathedral Lodge No. 643 in 1971 and 1987, and was the Lodge Secretary in 1988. Beginning in 1990, Murray was the Lodge Organist for many years.

Ill. Bro. Black affiliated with Georgina Lodge No. 343 G.R.C. in 1993 and was recognized by Georgina Lodge as their Mason of the Year in 2011 for his services not only to his Craft Lodge, but also to his District and to his Grand Lodge. In 1993, Ill. Bro. Black was recognized for his service by being appointed Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario and faithfully performed the duties of that office. In 2015, Ill. Bro. Murray received the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award.

Ill. Bro. Black joined the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada on receiving his 4th Degree on October 28, 1963, and his 14th Degree on January 13, 1964, in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection. He continued in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix receiving his 18th Degree on March 29, 1964, and the Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton and received the 32nd Degree on November 7, 1964.

Murray was appointed the Grand Organist of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection in May, 1991 and has served that office for over 25 years. Murray would always find an appropriate piece of music to play for any occasion. Ill. Bro. Black was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 12, 1996 in Calgary Alberta. In 2024, Murray was presented with his 60 Year Pin and Certificate from Supreme Council.

Ill. Bro. Black Murray was a Past First Principal of Antiquity Chapter of Royal Arch Masons No. 91 G.R.C. and also served as Organist. Murray was also a Royal and Select Master in Adoniram Council No. 2 and a Knight Templar, Geoffery de St. Aldemar Preceptory. Murray was appointed Grand Organist of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Province of Ontario in 1992.

Murray was a gentleman in every sense of the word. He was also a gentle man, quiet and reserved for whom, as Hans Christian Anderson wrote "Where words fail, music speaks". While Murray may not always have spoken, his music spoke volumes to school children, in his place of Worship and at countless number of Masonic meetings.

Murray leaves his wife, Rosemary and his many friends, both in and outside of Masonry. He truly touched so many with his kind words and his music throughout his life.

ILL. BRO. HOWARD WILLIAM **COGGINS**, 33°

Howard (Kip) Coggins passed to the Grand Lodge above on December 17, 2024. Kip was a mentor, friend to all and a dedicated Scottish Rite Mason. He passed away after a brief illness with his family by his side.

Kip was born on June 21, 1951 in Burlington, Ontario. Following his formal schooling in Burlington he went on to attend Queen's University in Kingston where he studied engineering, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He began his career with Dofasco in 1974. In 1983 he moved to Huntsville, establishing Kontek Engineering, which he ran until his retirement in early 2024. He is survived by his wife Marylou, his children Chris, Tanya (Mike), Adrianne, Dale, Patricia, Kathryn and grandchildren Kaelen, Kennedy, David, Zachry, Jonathan, great-grandchildren Vincent, Sora, brother Gorden and Sister Arlene.

He was initiated into Freemasonry in Unity Lodge No. 376, Huntsville on December 13, 1995. He served as Worshipful Master in 2001-2002 and 2015-2016 and served as Chaplain of his Lodge from 2018 to 2024. He joined the Valley of Barrie Scottish Rite, Barrie Lodge of Perfection February 14, 1998; Spry Chapter Rose Croix March 28, 1998; and the Barrie Consistory April 18, 1998. He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Barrie Lodge of Perfection in 2009. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Moncton, New Brunswick on September 16, 2010.

Kip was a life-long learner and loved to discuss what he had read or heard. Many an interesting evening was spent after the Scottish Rite reunions with friends and a little dram of scotch.

He and his wife loved travelling and sailing, having for a number of years owned a 33-foot sailboat on which they travelled around Georgian Bay. They also enjoyed many cruises together.

He was also active in the Kinsmen Club and the Rotary Club at various times in Huntsville.

He will be sadly missed by the members of Barrie Valley and by the members of Unity Lodge which he enjoyed serving, and by all who encountered him.

Farewell mentor, friend and brother.

ILL. BRO. IAN BRICKENDEN **DALE**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Ian Brickenden Dale, 33°, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on April 28, 2025.

Born on August 5, 1945 in Ottawa, Ontario, Ian and his family moved to London where he completed his elementary and secondary education. After graduating from the University of Waterloo, he joined the London Life Insurance Company in 1967, retiring in 2006.

Ian was an avid fan of many sports, especially golf, and was a lifelong supporter of the Montreal Canadiens. He engaged passionately in everything he did and was a coach and past board member of many sports associations, including London Ringette and Oakridge Optimists.

In craft masonry, Ill. Bro. Dale was initiated in Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 G.R.C., October 17, 1975. He served as Worshipful Master in 1984 and as Lodge Secretary from 1996 to 2002. He affiliated with Doric Lodge No. 289 in 1987, serving as Worshipful Master in 2005. He was appointed as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2000 and as Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2012.

Until his passing, Ian continued to be an active member of Kilwinning Lodge, taking offices or filling in for absent officers as needed. He could be counted on for a full report at meetings on the ill and shut-in members, usually as the result of a personal phone call to them. Ian displayed the qualities that newer members and officers should emulate.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, he received his 4th degree in the London Lodge of Perfection April 15, 1977, his 18th degree in the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix March 18, 1989 and his 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory May 6, 1989. He was Coroneted Honorary Inspector-General 33° on September 13, 2007 in Ottawa, Ontario. He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the London Lodge of Perfection in 2002 and as Grand Treasurer from 2006 to 2023.

He was received as a member of the Royal Order of Scotland on April 28, 2018.

He also served as a Director of the London Scottish Rite Learning Centre and as the Treasurer of the Masonic Hall Co. London Limited, now the London Masonic Centre, in 2007.

Ill. Bro. Dale was a member of St. John's and St. George's Royal Arch Chapter No. 3 and of Mocha Shriners.

He is survived by his wife Anne (Collins) and their three children, Erin (Shelley Barlow), Collin (Courtney), and Kristin Irwin (Brett). He was a proud grandfather of Tegan and Alexandra Dale, Wyatt and MacLean Irwin, and loved attending their games and activities. He is also survived by Gayle Collins and several nieces and nephews.

A Masonic Service under the auspices of Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 A.F. & A.M. was held at Westview Funeral Home on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., with visitation to follow from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. A Celebration of Life was held on July 6, 2025 at Sunningdale Golf & Country Club.

ILL. BRO. JOHN ANDERSON **DAWE**, 33°

Illustrious John (Jack) Anderson Dawe, 33°, H.I.G., age 94, passed away peacefully in Edmonton on September 21, 2023.

He was born in Edmonton, AB on September 30, 1928.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife and partner of 70 years, Jacquie; daughters, Carol (Jim) Abernethy of Manitoba, Ellen (Jim) Petersen of New Zealand; five much loved grandchildren, five treasured great-grandchildren; sister, Marylin Bily of Calgary, many dear friends, neighbours, as well as close extended family who have blessed their home with their presence over the years.

He was a lifelong member of The First Presbyterian Church in Edmonton.

Jack's Masonic home for 70 years was Commercial Lodge #81, Valley of Edmonton A.A.S.R., and The Royal Order of Scotland.

He was Initiated into Commercial Lodge #81 on April 4th, Passed on May 2nd, and Raised on to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 6th of 1953. He served as Worshipful Master of Commercial Lodge in 1969.

Jack received the 4th Degree and the 14th Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, in February of 1974. He received the 18th Degree in March of 1975 and the 32nd Degree in October of 1975.

He was Coroneted a 33°, Honorary Inspector-General on September 8th, 1988, in Vancouver B.C.

Illustrious Brother Dawe was a mentor, guide, and a true example of the Ideal of Freemason. He was known by all as 'A Fine Man', who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and was always ready to serve the Valley and Freemasonry in general.

He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by all whose life he touched.

ILL. BRO. MURRAY ARTHUR **DELMEGE**, 33°

The Valley of Windsor was saddened by the death of Ill. Bro. Murray Delmege, 33°, on Nov. 3, 2024. He was born on Apr. 1, 1939 in Chatham, Ontario. He is survived by his second wife Peggy, 3 daughters, two stepchildren and numerous grandchildren, step grandchildren. He spent his working career as a teacher and educator with the Essex County Board of Education, retiring in 1995 as the Principal of Jack Miner Public School of Kingsville, Ont.

Murray spent much of his spare time at his cottage, and fishing on Rondeau Bay and after a few years of retirement he became very active in Freemasonry.

He was initiated in St George's Lodge No. 41 on Mar. 20, 2003, Passed on Apr. 3 and Raised on Sept. 4, 2003. He became the Worshipful Master of St. George's No. 41 for 2009 and 2010.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason on May 24, 2006, in Leamington's King Cyrus Chapter No. 119, and became First Principal in 2015.

In Scottish Rite Masonry Ill. Bro. Delmege became a 14th Degree Mason in the Windsor Lodge of Perfection on Apr. 17, 2004. He received the 18th Degree in the Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix on Nov. 23, 2004,

and received his 32nd Degree from Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton on May 7, 2005. He became Most wise Sovereign of the Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix in 2014.

Ill. Bro. Murray Delmege was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Saskatoon in 2022.

Murray was active in many reunion Degrees, Director of Windsor Valley's Degree Team for Kent Chapter of Rose Coix Installation, and was the Windsor Valley Representative to Moore Sovereign Consistory's Executive Committee in 2012 and 2013. He also became a member of the Board of Governors of the SRCF's Windsor Learning Centre and served as President of the Board.

ILL. BRO. MURRAY AUSTIN **DOW**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Murray Austin Dow, 33°, passed away peacefully at the Guelph General Hospital with his daughters by his side on Sunday, August 25, 2024, at the age of 94. Beloved husband of 67 years to the late Margaret Kathleen Dow (Orr). Loving father of Brenda Sherry and her husband Steve of Guelph and Sandra Dow and her husband Al (Dzieciol) of Newmarket and grandfather of two.

Ill. Bro. Dow was born in Campbellton, New Brunswick, on July 10, 1930. He moved to Toronto with his family in 1943 and completed his education there. He supplemented his education by taking business courses over the years. In 1958, Murray joined the University of Toronto, St. George Campus, as a buyer in the Purchasing Department. In 1966, he was appointed Purchasing Agent of the University of Toronto. He retired in 1990 as the Assistant Director of Business Services.

Ill. Bro. Dow began his Masonic journey in Oakwood Lodge No. 553 G.R.C., Toronto District 6, being initiated on June 9, 1958. He was passed on September 22, 1958, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October 27, 1958. Murray served as Worshipful Master in January 1968. He affiliated with Islington Lodge No. 715 G.R.C. and served as Master in 1995. After Islington Lodge amalgamated with Mimico Lodge No. 369 G.R.C., Murray served as Master in 2018 and was honoured as a lifetime member of Mimico Lodge. At the Grand Lodge Communication in 1994, he was appointed as Assistant Grand Organist. Murray was elected Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in 2001.

Ill. Bro. Dow joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection, receiving his 4° on February 8, 1982 and the 14° on April 26, 1982. He continued in the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix receiving his 18° on January 20, 1983, and his 32° in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton on May 7, 1983. Murray served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix in 1997. Murray was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Winnipeg on September 14, 2000. Murray also served as the Valley of Toronto representative to Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton and also as Grand Captain of the Guard for a two-year term and for a number of years as the Prelate.

Ill. Bro. Dow was a member of Rameses Shriners, Toronto and served as a member of the Rameses Drum Corps for several years and was a member of the Leaside Shrine Club. Murray was also a member of the Toronto Scottish Rite and Oshawa Scottish Rite Clubs.

Murray enjoyed golfing, curling, squash, fishing, swimming, and introducing his family to cross-country skiing. In his senior years, Murray was an ice-skating competitor. He took his family travelling all over Canada and abroad.

Murray was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Canada and he and Kay were faithful and active members at their home church of St. Giles Kingsway Presbyterian Church in Etobicoke.

Murray was a devoted friend and family man, known for his warm welcome, sense of humour, helping others, and singing voice! To quote a long-time colleague and friend, “Murray was kind, compassionate, caring, protective and intelligent.” We send you off with love and gratitude.

ILL. BRO. BRUCE GORDON **EDWARDS**, 33°

Ill. Bro. Bruce G. Edwards, 33°, passed away on December 11, 2024. Bruce was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario and spent his childhood there. His father was transferred to Toronto and the Edwards family took up residence in the Leaside area. Upon graduation from Leaside High School, Bruce studied Business Administration and Retail Merchandising at Ryerson. His studies led him to a 24-year career at Eatons where he served in several sales and buying positions in their home furniture departments. Bruce resigned from Eatons and accepted an Account Executive position working with Kroehler Furniture for 9 years. Bruce retired in 1996 and quickly tired of that lifestyle. Not wanting to just sit and gather dust like his best friends, Bruce accepted an offer to work in the regalia business with Dominion Regalia and worked there for over 20 years.

Ill. Bro. Edwards’ Masonic career began in 1975 when he joined his father, Ill. Bro. Bert Edwards 33°, P.T.P.G.M. of the then Valley of Fort William, now the Valley of Thunder Bay, as a member of Huron-Bruce Lodge No. 611 G.R.C. Bruce served as Master of Huron-Bruce Lodge in 1985 and was elected District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District 7 in 1996-1997. Bruce was also a member of Dufferin Daylight Lodge No. 570 G.R.C. serving as Master in 1992 and Tuscan Lodge No. 541 G.R.C. where he was Master in 1994 and 1995. Bruce was an Honorary Life Member of Cathedral Lodge No. 643 G.R.C.

As Ill. Bro. Edwards had said, he had some parental encouragement to also join the A.& A.S.R. He accomplished this in 1976 when he joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection, the Toronto Chapter Rose Croix in 1977 and Moore Sovereign Consistory in 1977. Bruce served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection in 2004 and was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33°, on September 14, 2006, in Halifax at the 132nd Annual Sessions of Supreme Council. Bruce was thrilled to be invested with his father’s ring, collar and jewel during the ceremony. Bruce continued to be active in the Valley in several degrees including the Valley of Toronto’s 21st Degree Team and served as the Chair of the Valley Decorations Committee for a number of years. Bruce served as President of the Toronto Valley 1001 Club and was the long time Secretary of the Toronto Scottish Rite Club.

Ill. Bro. Edwards was very involved in Capitular Masonry, serving as presiding officer in many of them. Bruce was a member Rameses Shriners and served as President of the Kingsway Shrine Club.

Some years ago, Bruce was very active in Leaside United Church. He served as a Steward, an Elder and General Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Ill. Bro. Bert Edwards, 33°, encouraged Bruce, his son, to keep active in Scottish Rite Masonry because of the many pleasures it would provide in his life through both the messages and the messengers in the various degrees. Bruce was very happy he listened to his father as were so many of Bruce’s Scottish Rite brethren.

Bruce leaves his wife Mary and his many friends. He will be deeply missed by all.

ILL. BRO. JOHN **FEDUN**, 33°

The Valley of Edmonton mourns the Passing to the Grand Lodge Above of Ill. Bro. John Fedun, 33°, Honorary Inspector-General.

John, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather passed away peacefully on Friday, October 4th with his wife of 59 years, Marilyn, by his side.

He leaves to mourn a loving family, including his wife Marilyn, son Kevin, grandsons Connor (Megan)) & Matthew, sister Phyllis, brother-in-law Allan (Marion), sister-in-law Jan, nieces & nephews, his life-long friend Gordon (Shirley), and a myriad of friends & neighbours.

John spent most of his working life in purchasing for several provincial government departments and was fortunate to retire early.

A generous spirit, he was a proud 33rd degree Mason and was involved in the early days of The Scottish Rite Learning Centre (for Dyslexia).

His full Masonic Resume is as follows:

- Initiated – Wetaskiwin Lodge, No 15, G.R.A – September 20th, 1956.
- Passed – Wetaskiwin Lodge, No 15, G.R.A – October 18th, 1956.
- Raised – Wetaskiwin Lodge, No 15, G.R.A – November 15th, 1956.
- 4th Degree – Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Edmonton – March 16th, 1960.
- 14th Degree – Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Edmonton – March 18th, 1960.
- 18th Degree – Mizpah Chapter of K.R.C., Valley of Edmonton – April 2nd, 1961.
- 32nd Degree – Alberta Consistory, Valley of Edmonton – October 27th, 1961.

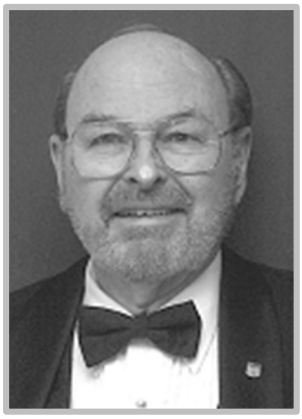
John served as Worshipful Master of Tawatinaw Lodge #71 in 1998-99. He was appointed Grand Steward for 1999-00, and was Elected as District Deputy Grand Master for Athabasca District in the Grand Registry of Alberta for 2001- 02. He also served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master for Edmonton Lodge of Perfection in 2001 – 02.

John was Coroneted 33rd Degree, Honorary Inspector-General on September 13th, 2007, in Ottawa.

His garage was a gathering place for friends, a storage for every tool imaginable, and a depot for all sorts of items needing repair. Fixing things and taking on little projects, whether necessary or not, was a true passion.

John is truly missed, but will always be remembered with love, respect, and admiration.

ILL. BRO. DAVID LACHLIN **GIBSON**, 33°



It is with deep sadness that we announce that Ill. Bro. David Lachlan Gibson, 33° passed away peacefully February 15th, 2024.

David was born in Vancouver, BC on March 15, 1926, and grew up in West Point Grey, where he attended Queen Mary Elementary School and Lord Bing High School. In 1948 he graduated in agriculture from the University of British Columbia. From 1948 to 1951 he worked with the British Columbia Coast Vegetable Marketing Board. In 1951, with other partners, he started a vegetable processing plant serving the hotel and restaurant trade and retired as manager in 1978. Finding retirement boring, he commenced work again, as manager of a Vegetable Growers' Marketing Association, finally retiring in 1983.

David was initiated on November 11th,1965 in Westminster Lodge No. 174, of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon, passed to the Fellow Craft Degree on February 10th, 1966, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on March 24th, 1966. Worshipful Master. He served the Lodge as Worshipful Master 1974-75 and then as Secretary from 1983-1988. He served as Grand Standard Bearer, 1980-1981, under M.W. Bro. Edward A. Clarke, and was chairman of the Finance Committee during the years 1983 to 1986. He served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon 1988-89.

David started his journey in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada in the Valley of Vancouver February 25th, 1968. He served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Vancouver Chapter of Rose Croix in 1984-85. David was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of the 33° on September 13th, 1984 in Edmonton, AB.

David was also a Member of the Royal Order of Scotland, being admitted on November 21st,1981 and served as the Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland for BC&Y from 1990 – 1995.

David is sadly missed by his brethren.

ILL. BRO. RONALD ERIC **GROSHAW**, 33°

Dr. Ronald Eric Groshaw passed away on July 21, 2025 at Etobicoke General Hospital at the age of 95. He was predeceased by his son George Bain (2003). Beloved husband to Barbara Jean for 65 years. Father to Eric (Tracie). Grandfather to Christopher (Hilary), Philip (Kaitlin). Great grandfather to Samuel.

Ill. Bro. Groshaw grew up on the family farm near Moorefield, Ontario. While attending the University of Western Ontario, hostilities began in Korea. Ron enlisted in the R.C.A.F while continuing his studies for a doctorate in medicine. Upon completion of a junior rotating internship at Victoria Hospital in London, he served with No. 408 Squadron in the Arctic and subsequently with NATO in Europe. Ill. Bro. Groshaw was commissioned as a Pilot Officer in the R.C.A.F. by Queen Elizabeth II on October 1, 1952. He attained the rank of Squadron Leader and was awarded the Canadian Defence Medal. Upon the completion of that tour of duty, he did postgraduate study in Ophthalmology in both Europe and North America, culminating in a specialist qualification in 1962. Dr. Groshaw established a private practice immediately and four years later was appointed to the teaching staff of the University of Toronto. Dr. Groshaw was the Chief of Ophthalmology at Etobicoke General Hospital and also served on the medical staff of St. John's and West Park Hospitals, as well as Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

Ill. Bro. Groshaw first saw the light of Masonry in 1959 in Conestoga Lodge No. 295 G.R.C. in Drayton ON. After affiliation with Wellington Lodge No. 635 G.R.C. in Toronto, he became Worshipful Master in 1971-72. A charter member of Heritage Lodge No. 730 G.R.C., he served as its Worshipful Master in 1980-81. Ill. Bro. Groshaw served as Grand Senior Warden in 1976-77 and was then elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1978 and 1980. He was elected as Deputy Grand Master in 1981. M.W. Bro. Groshaw served as the 61st Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario from 1983 to 1985. He was an affiliated member of many Lodges. As Grand Master, he participated in the establishing of a Masonic Lodge Room at the Black Creek Pioneer Village, including the cornerstone ceremony on October 1, 1983. This was the culmination of several years of leadership and effort with the goal of moving an old building from Woodbridge, Ontario, to a new site at the Black Creek Pioneer Village. On September 7, 2024, in front of over 200 attendees, the Brampton Masonic Centre officially unveiled its new name in honour of M.W. Bro. Ronald E. Groshaw.

Ill. Bro. Groshaw's Scottish Rite journey began in the Valley of Peterborough on October 28, 1963, although he completed his 14th Degree in the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection on January 13th, 1964. He was a member of the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, Moore Sovereign Consistory and the Barrie Consistory. Ill. Bro. Groshaw was installed as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Toronto Grand Lodge

of Perfection in May 1974 He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33°, on September 11, 1976, at the 102nd Annual Session of Supreme Council in Regina, SK. He was inducted in the Royal Order of Scotland in 1982.

Ill. Bro. Groshaw was a member of Mimico Royal Arch Chapter 215, Mimico (First Principal 1979-80); and was a member of Keystone Council, No. 20 (Royal and Select Masters) and Etobicoke Lodge No. 17 (Royal Ark Mariners), Toronto; Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 7, Toronto; Holy Land Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine (MPS, 1995); Richmond Hill Council No. 168, Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada, of which he served as Sovereign Grand Master (1986) and Athelstan York Rite College.

He was a member of Rameses Shrine, Toronto and served as its first Ceremonial Master (1982) and Potentate (1991), and subsequently as Treasurer for 6 years. He was a member of the Ceremonial Cast, the Shrine Yacht Club and the Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 83.

Ill. Bro. Groshaw's was deeply involved in his community. He was a member of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Council for Ontario of the Order of St. John. In October 1982, in Ottawa, the Governor General invested him as a Serving Brother in that Order. At a return visit to Rideau Hall in 1992 he was invested an Officer in the Order of St. John.

The United Church of Canada was always a part of his life. The family were members of St. Luke's United Church, Islington where he served as an elder, and now with Humber Valley United Church.

As an ophthalmologist, Ill. Bro. Groshaw had an ongoing affinity for the work of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB). He and his wife gave time each year to work for the CNIB in many communities across the North. As a medical doctor, Ill. Bro. Groshaw encouraged regular blood donations, and support for organ transplant programs.

Recreationally Ron enjoyed cottage life with his family. His hobbies included sailing, golf and skiing. In his later years, Ron enjoyed being a "tree surgeon" at the lake and he was veracious reader and had a passion for all types of literature.

Ill. Bro. Groshaw will be deeply missed by his family, his Masonic and non-Masonic friends and all those he touched during a long and fruitful life of service. He truly lived respected, and his passing is deeply regretted by all those who knew him.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM AUSTIN **HUNTER**, 33°

The Valley of Winnipeg was saddened by the passing of Ill. Bro. Bill Hunter, 33º, on August 16, 2024 at the age of 80. Bill passed away peacefully while his wife Fran sang to him.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Frances (Legere) Hunter of 59 years; his 3 children Josephine (Ed) Yewchyn; Thomas (Kristen) Hunter and Karen (Mario) Bento; 3 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and weekend children/grandchildren.

Bill began his career as a penitentiary officer in 1970 at Saskatchewan Penitentiary in Prince Albert. He then worked at a half-way house in Regina. In 1979 Bill moved to Winnipeg, where he worked for the Unemployment Insurance Commission until he retired in 2005.

Bill was initiated into Ionic Lodge No. 25, GRM on September 15, 1980. He was passed on October 17, 1980 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 21, 1980. He served as Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge in 1987 and 2000. He served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 13th Masonic District in 1993-94.

Bill received his 4th degree on September 20, 1984 in the Valley of Winnipeg, his 14th degree on December 20, 1984, his 18th degree on February 21, 1985 and his 32nd degree on March 21, 1985. He served as Commander-in-Chief of the Manitoba Sovereign Consistory in 1997-98. He received the Walter C. McDonald Award for Meritorious Service in 2006.

Bill was Coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General on September 14, 2017 in Montreal, Quebec.

Bill was very active in the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Patron of his Chapter three times, as well as a number of appointments to Grand office. He was a member of Khartum Shriners, serving several terms as president of the Provost Corps. He joined the Royal Order of Scotland in 2018.

Bill treated everyone as if they were family. He enjoyed fishing, especially with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and boy did he love to dance. You couldn't get him off the dance floor.

The Celebration of Life was held at the Masonic Memorial Centre Osborne on Saturday, August 31, 2024.

ILL. BRO. LACHLAN BROOK **JACK**, 33°

Scottish Rite in the Valley of Barrie lost one of its most respected members with the passing of Ill. Bro. Lachlan Brooke Jack on May 29th, 2025.

Born in 1933, Lockie was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Minerva Lodge No. 304, Stroud in 1954. He served as Worshipful Master of Minerva in 1968, and was Appointed as a Grand Steward in 1974. He was also a Charter Member of Innisfil Lodge No. 737, serving as Worshipful Master in 1992-93. Lockie was one of the very few Masons to attain 70 years of service. He was presented with his certificate and jewel by Grand Master Jamie R. Ireland at a special event on November 6, 2024. A large crowd, including our SGC and other Officers of Supreme Council, were in attendance on this momentous occasion.

Lockie joined Scottish Rite in the Barrie Lodge of Perfection in 1963. He joined the Spry Chapter of Rose Croix in 1978, and the Barrie Consistory in 1980. He eventually served as presiding officer of all three bodies. He was Coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General in 1986 in Charlottetown, PEI. A noted ritualist and soloist, Lockie participated in various degrees both as a cast member and as a soloist. On several occasions, he sang at our Supreme Council Sessions.

Married to Anne for 69 years, Lock has three daughters (Susan, Lynn and Janet). He was employed by Bell Canada for his career. Lockie and Anne have resided in Gilford, Ontario for decades. Very active in his church and the community at large, Lockie often gifted churches throughout Simcoe County with his musical talent.

For his entire membership in Freemasonry, Lockie was a tremendous supporter of all Craft Lodges in the area, Scottish Rite Meetings and Reunions, and any and all special events. Despite declining health over the past couple of years, he continued to attend various functions. In fact, just days before his passing, he and Anne attended the annual meeting of our Valley 33rds. He was always there!

Lachlan Jack's passing leaves a very large hole in the Valley of Barrie. A tremendous Ambassador for Scottish Rite and Freemasonry, he was a pillar in the Valley, a mentor to many, and a friend to all. He will be missed very much.

ILL. BRO. PAUL ANTHONY **JAMES**, 33°

Paul A. James, a long-time member of the Valley of Hamilton, passed to the Grand Lodge Above on November 5, 2024 after a lengthy illness. Paul was initiated into Westmount Lodge No. 671 G.R.C. in Hamilton on March 22, 1977. He was passed to the Second Degree on June 28, 1977 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 15, 1977. He served as Worshipful Master of Westmount Lodge in 1983 and 1984. Paul also served as Worshipful Master of Hamilton Lodge No. 562 G.R.C. in 1999 and Buchanan Lodge No. 550 G.R.C. in 2003.

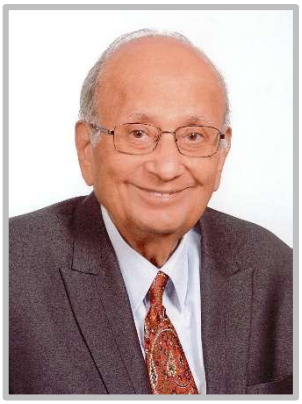
He served Hamilton Masonic District C as District Deputy Grand Master in 1997.

Paul joined Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 3, 1987. He subsequently joined the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on November 9, 1988 and Moore Sovereign Consistory on November 12, 1988. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 15, 2005 at the annual session of Supreme Council in Toronto, Ontario. He served as Chairman of the Guards for the Scottish Rite bodies for a number of years and was in the Trench Scene of the Thirty-Second Degree Drama for many years.

He was also active in the York Rite. Paul was initiated into Keystone Chapter No. 224 R.A.M. in April of 1978 and served as First Principal in 1981. He was initiated in Godfry de Bouillon Preceptory No. 3 in October of 1978. He was also a member of Salem Council No. 57 of the Royal and Select Masters. Paul was a past Patron of Mizpah Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as President of the Shrine Club of Hamilton in 2001 and Secretary of the Club in 2002.

Over the years, Paul was a very active and faithful member of the Valley of Hamilton and will be greatly missed.

ILL. BRO. CHANDRAKANT JAMNADAS **KANIA**, 33°



The Members of Windsor Valley were deeply saddened by the passing, at the age of 97, of Chandrakant Jamnadas Kania. An Honorary Inspector-General and a John Ross Matheson Award recipient, predeceased by his wife Uma. [13 January 2016]

Born on January 1, 1928 in Bombay, India, Chandra started his education in India, and in 1959 he and his wife Urmila [Uma] moved to Canada where he added to his education and became an Educator, working in North Dakota, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, and in Canada, until he retired from the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Arts and Technology in 1984. In 1999 he moved to Windsor, Ontario and spent the rest of his life in that community.

In 1963 Chandra started his career in Freemasonry. He was Initiated on February 12, 1963; Passed on March 12 and Raised on April 8, in Portal Lodge No. 84, Portal, North Dakota U.S.A. In Regina, Chandra affiliated with Wascana Lodge No.2, where he became Worshipful Master in1983 and DDGM in 1993-94. In 1999 Chandra affiliated with Great Western Lodge No. 47 of Windsor, Ontario. He became Worshipful Master for 2003 and 2004.

It was while residing in Regina that Chandra became involved with the York Rite, Scottish Rite and the Shrine, and he stayed active in Craft Lodge, along with all three Concordant bodies and many non-Masonic service bodies, for the remainder of his life.

In Scottish Rite he received the 4th Degree from the Regina Lodge of Perfection, on November 16, 1977 and the 14th Degree on November17, 1977. On March 23, 1978 he received the 18th Degree from the

Regina Chapter of Rose Croix, and on May 19, 1978 he became a 32nd Degree Mason in the Regina Consistory.

In Windsor he became Most Wise Sovereign of the Windsor Chapter of Rose Croix in 2008, he became an Honorary Inspector-General and Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Windsor Lodge of Perfection in 2017. Chandra continued being active in all of the Masonic bodies he joined as well as in many of the fraternal and service groups and in 2018 he became the thirty second Recipient of the John Ross Matheson Award.

As a Shriner, he was a Member of WaWa Temple, Regina, Saskatchewan and later affiliated with Mocha Temple.

In the Ontario York Rite Chandra was active in The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Council of Royal and Select Masters, and was a Past Grand Superintendent.

Chandrakant Jamnadas Kania devoted his life to service and he is dearly missed.

ILL. BRO. ROBERT EDWARD **KERR**, 33°

On November 6, 2024, the Valley of Hamilton lost a prominent member in the person of Robert Edward Kerr. Bob was born in Hamilton to Robert and Jean Kerr on September 6, 1931. He was raised and educated in Hamilton. He was initiated into T.H. Simpson Lodge No. 692 G.R.C. on February 21, 1963 and passed to the second degree on April 4, 1963. Bob was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 2, 1963. He served the lodge as Worshipful Master in 1975 and subsequently as Secretary for many years. In March of 2006, T.H. Simpson Lodge No. 692 amalgamated with Wentworth Lodge No. 166. Bob served on the amalgamation committee and also served the amalgamated Lodge as Secretary for many years. In July of 2007, he was presented with the Grand Master's Meritorious Service Award.

He served as District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District B in 2000 and 2001. He also served as Chairman of the Blood Donor Committee for the District and as District Auditor for many years. Bob served faithfully as the Secretary of the Hamilton Masonic District Board of Relief for many years. He served on the Grand Lodge of Canada Committee on Benevolence as well. Bob was a Past President of the Hamilton Districts Right Worshipfuls' Association and was also a Past Treasurer and Membership Chairman of the Hamilton Districts Past Masters' Association.

He received his 14th Degree in Murton Lodge of Perfection on May 4, 1965, his 18th Degree in the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 7, 1966 and his 32nd Degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 6, 1967. Bob was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General at the Annual Session of Supreme Council in Vancouver, British Columbia on September 11, 2008. He worked for many years as Chairman of the Christmas "Breakfast at the Rite".

Bob was also a very active York Rite Mason. He was initiated in MacKay Chapter No. 243 R.A.M. on November 11, 1970. In 2001 MacKay Chapter amalgamated with St. John's Chapter No. 6 R.A.M. He was a Past Principal of St. John's Chapter. He was also a member of Salem Council No. 9 of the Royal and Select Masons, Sir William York Rite College No. 57, Harington Conclave No. 16 and Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory No. 3. He also served Godfrey de Bouillon as Registrar for a number of years.

Bob was a member of Rameses Temple No. 33 A.A.O.N.M.S., a Past President of the Hamilton Shrine Oriental Band and a Life Member of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of North America.

He was employed by Firestone Canada for many years working in the area of tax accounting and administration. He was also self-employed as a Tax Consultant specializing in Federal and Provincial Sales Taxes. Bob was also extremely active in the credit union movement with Prime Financial Savings and Credit Union (now First Ontario Credit Union). Bob and his late wife Audrey were married for over

forty years until her passing in 2022. They had no children. Bob and Audrey were long time members of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Grimsby. Bob was an extremely active and talented Mason and will be greatly missed.

ILL. BRO. JAMES DAVID **LOGAN**, 33°

The Valley of Winnipeg was saddened by the passing of Ill. Bro. Dave Logan, 33°, on May 8, 2025 at the age of 85. Dave passed peacefully with his family by his side.

Dave was predeceased by his parents, James and Marjorie Logan, grandparents David and Mary Logan, and first wife Kathleen.

He is survived by wife Myra, daughter Kelly (Teresa), son Jamie (Lisa), his pride and joy grandsons Kyle and Ryan, stepchildren Anita Posaluko (Sean), David Posaluko (Heather), Steven Posaluko (Lana), step-granddaughters Leah and Allie, sister Joan Jordan of Calgary, AB and Darlene Corbett of Winnipeg, MB.

Dave was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on September 4, 1939. He retired in 1996 from Canadian National Railways after 38 years or service in the signals and communications field. After retirement, he and Myrna journeyed to Nova Scotia, Texas, Arizona, Florida and many other American destinations.

Dave was initiated into King Edward Lodge No. 93, GRM on May 23, 1972. He was passed on October 24, 1972, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 28, 1972. He served as Worshipful Master of King Edward Lodge and as District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th Masonic District.

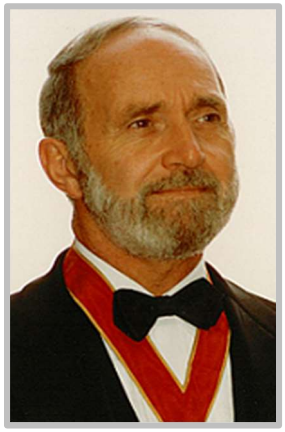
Dave received his 4th degree on November 8, 1979 in the Valley of Winnipeg, his 14th degree on December 6, 1979, his 18th degree on February 28, 1980 and his 32nd degree on April 24, 1980. He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection in 2004-05. He received the Walter C. McDonald Award for Meritorious Service from the Valley of Winnipeg.

Dave was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector-General on September 13, 2007 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Dave was a member of Khartum Shriners, serving as president of the Oriental Band. He joined the Royal Order of Scotland in 2006, serving as an officer for a number of years.

The Celebration of Life was held at the Neil Bardal Funeral Centre on Friday, May 30, 2025.

ILL. BRO. ROLAND **LOVE**, 33°



A long-time member of the Hamilton Valley, Illustrious Brother Roland Love, passed to the Grand Lodge above on December 31, 2024. He was born on June 10, 1933 in Hamilton Ontario. Roland suffered declining health for a number of years. Roland was initiated into Dundurn Lodge No. 475 G.R.C. on November 19, 1966. He was subsequently passed to the second degree on January 14, 1967 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 15, 1967. Roland served as Worshipful Master of Dundurn Lodge in 1975. Roland was a charter member of Wellington Square Lodge No. 725 in Burlington. He served the Lodge as Chaplain in 1976. He was also an honorary member of Euclid Lodge No. 599 in Cleveland Ohio.

Roland received his Fourteenth Degree in Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 7, 1972 and his Eighteenth Degree in the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 19, 1973. On May 11, 1974 he received his Thirty-Second Degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory. He served the Chapter as Most Wise Sovereign in 1986 and 1987.

Roland was employed by Bell Canada in the Engineering Department in Hamilton retiring in October 1984 having completed 30 years and 11 months of service. Prior to being employed by Bell, he served his apprenticeship at Benny Electric in Hamilton for two- and one-half years and was subsequently employed in the Engineering Department of Stelco for six months. As a young man, he served the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a Fourth-Class Constable. He did his basic training in Regina Saskatchewan and served for approximately six months.

Roland married his late wife Rose Elizabeth Sage in September of 1954. He is survived by his three children Christopher, Cameron and Lynda.

Roland served the Valley of Hamilton with great dedication and will be greatly missed.

ILL. BRO. JOHN RUSSELL **MacLEOD**, 33°

Ill. Bro. John Russell MacLeod, 33°, passed away peacefully, at University Hospital, London Ontario, on Thursday, April 3, 2025, in his 94th year. He was born in Galt on September 7, 1931, the third child of Russ and Mary MacLeod of Preston.

He was an insurance manager and broker for 41 years, retiring in 1999 after selling Highland Insurance Broker.

He served in the Militia for 18 years, starting as a 16-year-old private in the Highland Light Infantry of Canada, and retiring as a Captain in the R.C.A.P.C..

Ill. Bro. MacLeod was a Warden of St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church and held a deep and abiding faith which allowed him to meet his death with confidence and dignity.

In craft masonry, he was initiated in Centennial Lodge No. 684 G.R.C. on October 3, 1972, and, in November 1979, he affiliated with Middlesex Lodge No. 379, serving as Master of both Lodges, Centennial in 1984 and Middlesex in 2002 and 2010. He was elected District Deputy Grand Master of the London East District in July, 1999. One of his greatest joys was assisting his son David to install his grandson Don as the Worshipful Master of Middlesex Lodge in 2023.

In Scottish Rite masonry, he received his 4th degree in the London Lodge of Perfection November 15, 1974, his 18th degree in the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix March 22, 1975 and his 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory May 8, 1976. He was Coroneted Honorary Inspector-General 33º on September 8,1988 in Vancouver, British Columbia. He served as Most Wise Sovereign of the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix in 1985 and was, for many years, the Director of the 18th Degree.

At Moore Sovereign Consistory he served as the London Valley Executive Officer In 1988 1989 and was a long-time member of the 29th degree cast.

Ill. Bro. MacLeod became the President of the London Valley Consistory Club in 1989 and was its guiding spirit until his passing. With his band of volunteers, he helped expand its outreach program to provide medical and mobility equipment, free of charge, to those in the community who need it; thousands of people have benefitted from their hard work. Many visitors to the Consistory Club depot will remember his compassion, his willingness to help, and his hugs (and an offer of a free donut).

John was also a proud member of the Mocha Shrine Ritualistic Cast, and a supporter of the Shrine Hospitals for Children.

Ill. Bro. MacLeod was predeceased by his beloved Margaret Rose (nee Pollock), with whom he spent 54 wonderful years, and his daughter Shannon. He is survived by his sons Robert (Martha Jean) of Bali, Indonesia; Don (Helen) of Westlake Village, California, and Dave (Cheryl) of Crediton. Beloved brother of Andy, Molly, and Judy; Grandpa of 11 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held at A. Millard George Funeral Home, 60 Ridout Street S., London on Friday, April 11th, from to 2:00 to 4:00 pm and from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A Masonic service under the combined auspices of Centennial Lodge No. 684 and Middlesex Lodge No. 379 was conducted at the funeral home on Friday evening at 6:30 pm. The funeral was held at St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am,

His parting words were always *"Be proud of who you are! Be proud of what you do!"*

ILL. BRO. LEIGH LYNN **MANNING**, 33°

He was born on February 1, 1949 in New Carlisle, Quebec the son of Herbert and Eleanor (Cooke) Manning. After graduating from the Chaleur Bay Regional High School, Leigh attended Mount Allison University graduating with his B.Sc. and B.Ed. and from Acadia University with his M.Ed.

His employment consisted of a teaching career of 35 years in the Greater Moncton area at Riverview High, Moncton High and in Sackville. He was held in high regard by many of his students - a caring and kind man.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his three brothers and a brother-in-law.

Leigh will be dearly missed by his wife of 35 years Diane (Horsman) of Moncton and his sister Veneta Lawrie of Brampton.

Arrangements were under the care of Jones Funeral Home, Sackville, N.B. A graveside service has been held in Fernwood Cemetery, Moncton.

Leigh began his Masonic service in 1978 as a member of Keith Lodge No. 23 in Moncton, N.B. as an Entered Apprentice on February 17, a Fellow Craft on April 21 and a Master Mason on May 19. He progressed through the offices of the lodge and served as the Worshipful Master in 2010.

On May 2nd of 1980 he became a member of the Moncton Lodge of Perfection; Valley of Moncton followed in April 1981 a member of the Britton Chapter Rose Croix and in October 1982 a member of the New Brunswick Sovereign Consistory Valley of Saint John. Leigh was active in Scottish Rite as an officer in the Lodge of Perfection and the Chapter Rose Croix serving as T.P.G.M. in 1992 and M.W.S. in 2012-2014. In 2010 Leigh was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of Supreme Council. As well as his involvement in the various offices he also served on the Wardrobe committee, as a Trustee, and Historian for a number of years, always there to assist and support.

Leigh was an active member and participant in the Eastern Star – a member of Winston Churchill No. 19 and Frank H. Tingley No. 5 since 2009.

He was also a Noble of the Moncton Shrine Club of Luxor Temple since 1983 and a permanent contributing member of the Shriners Hospital for crippled children.

Leigh was an active contributing member in all organizations that he joined. He certainly made a positive difference in all the organizations that that he joined and participated in.
Unfortunately, his health deteriorated in recent years and he was unable to participate in the manner that he had previously.

ILL. BRO. ROGER GARMOTT **PARLIAMENT**, 33°

On April 1, 2025, the Valley of Hamilton lost one of its most senior and most respected and beloved members in the person of Roger Garnott Parliament. At the time of his passing, Roger was almost one hundred and two years old. Roger was born and raised in Toronto Ontario. He was initiated into Meridian Lodge No. 687 G.R.C. in Dundas Ontario on October 15, 1958, passed to the second degree on November 19, 1958 and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on December 17, 1958 in Meridian Lodge. The Lodge subsequently moved to Ancaster Ontario and Roger maintained his membership in the Lodge for the rest of his life, a remarkable sixty-seven years! Roger served Meridian Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1969 and as Treasurer for several years. In 1977 – 1978 he served as District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton Masonic District C.

Roger received his 14th Degree in Murton Lodge of Perfection on November 6, 1962 and subsequently received his 18th Degree in the Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix on April 15, 1965 and his 32nd Degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory on May 8, 1976. He served Murton Lodge of Perfection as Thrice Puissant Grand Master in 1984 and 1985. Roger served as Grand Secretary of Moore Sovereign Consistory from 1986 to 1998. After retiring as Grand Secretary, he was named Grand Secretary Emeritus and served in that capacity from 1998 until his death in April of 2025.

Roger was also active in Royal Arch Masonry. He joined White Oak Chapter No. 104 R.A.M. on November 10, 1970. He served as First Principal of the Chapter in 1980. He also served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry of Canada as Assistant Director of Ceremonies in 1988 and 1989. He also served as Treasurer and Vice-President of the Hamilton Districts Masters and Wardens Association. In addition, he was a member of the Hamilton Districts Past Masters Association and Rameses Shrine Temple.

During World War Two, Roger served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from 1941 to 1945. In 1943, he served overseas with the 420 Squadron of the RCAF in North Africa and England.

Roger was married to Mary Helen Gibson. Roger and Mary had two sons, Douglas and Robert and three grandchildren. They were both very active in the Dundas community and were long time members of St. Mark's United Church. Roger was a "fixture" in the Valley of Hamilton for countless years and he will be greatly missed.

ILL. BRO. JOHN DUNCAN **ROBERTSON**, 33°

The Valley of Edmonton mourns the Passing to the Grand Lodge Above of Ill. Bro. John Duncan Robertson, 33°, Honorary Inspector-General.

John, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather passed away peacefully on July 22, 2025, going to join his recently deceased wife, Colleen. John and Colleen were memorialized as a couple at St. Luke's Anglican Church on August 1st, 2025.

He leaves to mourn a loving family and Brethren from all walks of the Masonic Order, and a myriad of friends and neighbours.

John dedicated his working life to a career in accounting and credit management and was fortunate to retire.

He was a proud, active, and service oriented Mason who served in many Degrees, Offices and as the Valley Grand Secretary for many years.

His full Masonic Resume is as follows:

- Initiated – West Edmonton Lodge, No 101, G.R.A – November 11th, 1983.
- Passed – West Edmonton Lodge, No 101, G.R.A – January 18th, 1984.
- Raised – Wetaskiwin Lodge, No 15, G.R.A – April 18th, 1984.
- 4th Degree – Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Edmonton – February 7th, 1990
- 14th Degree – Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Edmonton – February 9th, 1990
- 18th Degree – Mizpah Chapter of C.R.C., Valley of Edmonton – April 11th, 1990
- 32nd Degree – Alberta Consistory, Valley of Edmonton – October 26th, 1990
- Received Royal Order of Scotland – September 25th, 1999
- Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General – September 14th, 2000

John served Craft Masonry in Alberta as Worshipful Master of West Edmonton Lodge, No 101 in 1989-90 and as D.D.G.M. of Northern Lights District for 1994-1995.

He served The Valley of Edmonton and Supreme Council as T.P.G.M. of Edmonton Lodge of Perfection in 1995-1996. He moved into the Grand Secretary's Office as soon as his term ended and served for there for several years.

John is deeply missed, but will always be remembered with love, respect, and admiration.

ILL. BRO. LESLIE ELLWAN **SCHELL**, 33°

The Valley of Peterborough regrets the passing of one of our Honorary Inspectors-General, in the person of Ill. Bro. Leslie "Les" Ellwan Schell, who passed away on Monday, October 10th, 2024. Les was born on September 5th, 1934, in the hamlet of Donald, Ontario, which is south, south-west of Haliburton Village along the old railroad line to Lindsay. He married Ruth Curry, and they were married for 69 years, until her death in 2021. Les is survived by two children, daughter Pam and son Luke. He is predeceased by his daughter Wendy.

Ill. Bro. Schell worked in the sawmill business for many years and in several locations. It was in one of those places, Huntsville, Ontario, that he was introduced to Freemasonry. He was initiated on January 10th, 1973, in Unity Lodge, No. 376, in Huntsville, and received his first three degrees within 3 months. After moving back to Haliburton County, he affiliated with North Entrance Lodge, No. 463, becoming Worshipful Master in 1984-85. He was very active in the many lodge visits, degrees and installation in Victoria District.

He was initiated into Scottish Rite during this time, receiving his Lodge of Perfection degrees in Peterborough in October 1978, his Chapter of Rose Croix degrees in Peterborough in November 1978, and his Consistory degrees in Moore Sovereign Consistory in Hamilton in May 1979. He joined the officer line-up for the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection, becoming the Thrice Puissant Grand Master for 1993. Following his year as TPGM, he served the Lodge of Perfection as Grand Chaplain for many years.

During all this activity, Les managed to branch out and joined Midland Chapter, No. 94, RAM, in September of 1986.

But, he was not always a sawyer in the sawmills. After retiring from sawmilling, he joined his brother-in-law in septic business, which he eventually took over. His Honeybee on the side of his tank truck became famous and can still be seen on the trucks that continue in the business to this day. There is even a mention that after this, he retired to a slower occupation in golf course maintenance.

In those later years, Les was an active member of Saint George's Anglican Church in Haliburton as a Warden and Lay-Reader. He also was a member of the choir for many years.

Ill. Bro. Schell was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in Winnipeg, MB, on September 14th, 2000, and continued his good-natured comradery with his brothers until age and memory would not allow him to

do so anymore. We will all miss that smile, which was truly from ear to ear, and that laugh that you could not help but join in on.

ILL. BRO. JAMES JOHN **SECKINGTON**, 33°

Ill. Bro. James John Seckington passed away on December 24, 2024. Jim was born on July 19th, 1946, in Weston, ON and lived in the Greater Toronto Area all of his life. Jim was married to Pamela for over 55 years. He was the brother of Joan Nunnaro (Ralph), brother-in-law of Pat Clark (Doug), and dear uncle to Kim, Paul, Tricia, and Jason. James was predeceased by his father James Seckington, and mother Jean (n. Watson) Seckington.

Jim's professional career spanned over 39 years with Kodak Canada, primarily in the HR department, retiring as HR Manager Global Manufacturing. Jim served as the Co-Chair of the Toronto Compensation Association, a member of the Association of Professional Engineers Compensation Advisory Board and served as a member of the DUCA Credit Union Board of Directors.

Ill. Bro. Seckington had an early introduction to Freemasonry when his father, a Mason in Mount Dennis Lodge No. 599, took him to Lodge on a Father & Son day. While at Kodak Canada, Jim asked his good friend and co-worker Terry McLean about Freemasonry and the rest as they say was history.

Jim was initiated into Sunnylea Lodge No. 664 G.R.C. on March 12, 1993, passed on September 10, 1993, and raised on November 26, 1993. Jim was soon a Lodge Officer and served as Worshipful Master in 2000 and 2001. He served as Treasurer from 2005 to 2008 and Secretary for 10 years. Jim was appointed as Assistant Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in July 2017.

Ill. Bro. Seckington joined the Toronto Grand Lodge of Perfection receiving his 4th Degree on October 13, 2009 and his 14th Degree on January 12, 2010. He joined the Toronto Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix receiving his 18th Degree on November 6, 2010 and his 32nd Degree in Moore Consistory on November 13, 2010.

Ill. Bro. Seckington served as the Chief Operating Officer of Supreme Council in 2009 and 2010 and assisted in the organization of the World Conference of Supreme Councils held in Toronto in 2010. Jim also served on the Audit and Finance Committee of Supreme Council as a Financial Reviewer. Ill. Bro. Seckington received his 33rd Degree on March 26, 2022, in Hamilton ON.

Jim was an ardent storyteller and would regale you with them. In particular, about the trips that he and Pam took to Maui, Hawaii, escaping Canadian winters.

Jim was a kind and generous soul with a predisposition of helping others. No matter where he was in his journey he would always find time to look out for others, inquire how they were doing and take a general interest in their well being. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM BARRY **SEELEY**, 33°

William Barry Seeley passed away peacefully in his 81st year at Brightshores Health Care, Markdale Ontario, on Friday, March 14, 2025. Barry is survived by his loving wife Sharon of 60 years, his children Les (Tammy), Kevin (Patti) and Melanie. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren Taylor (Mattheus), Quinton (Nicole), Pete (Mackenzie), Kasey and Raju. Barry was predeceased by his brother Ted Seeley and survived by his sister Margaret, sister-in-law Bonnie Seeley and brother-in-law George (Margaret) Wright.

Barry grew up and managed the family farm in Badjeros, Ontario, where he raised his children and worked as a carpenter. He was known for his kind-hearted, helping nature and was even more renowned for his humour and his many stories.

Barry dedicated his life to the Masonic Lodge and was an active member of the Scottish Rite.

He joined Masonry and was initiated into Dundalk Lodge No. 449 GRC, October 1967. He would continue to serve his Lodge as their Worshipful Master and thereafter serving as the Lodge's Secretary for 20 plus years. Barry was further honoured to be elected as the District Deputy Grand Master of Grey District in July 1998.

Barry joined the Valley of Barrie Scottish Rite in 1994, receiving his 14° in September in the Barrie Lodge of Perfection; received his 18° in October, in the Spry Chapter Rose Croix, and his 32° in April 1998 for the Barrie Consistory. He was also recognized as the Spring Reunion Honouree in 2010. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in September 2020 in Hamilton, Ontario.

Brother Seeley was a devoted Mason, tremendous ritualist, staunch supporter of the Valley of Barrie.

Our Brother will be sadly missed in the valley that he enjoyed and served and all the members of the Freemasonry whose lives he touched.

"We cherish his memory in our Hearts – and may he rest in peace"

ILL. BRO. DONALD BEVERLEY **SMITH**, 33°

Don passed away in Sarnia on June 25, 2025 at the age of ninety-four. He is predeceased by his wife Daulphine (2024). Don was the proud father of Stacey Smith and devoted Poppa to grandchildren Ash Moore (Scott Moore) and Jesse Smith-Adam. Don is predeceased by his parents, siblings and many lifelong friends. Don retired after a long and respected career with Ontario Hydro, beginning as a proud lineman. A quiet and steady leader, he was deeply involved in his community, active in the United Church and dedicated to organizations such as the Masons, Shriners, and the Royal Order of Jesters. Some of Don's happiest years were spent in Petrolia, where he found great joy in golf, swapping stories with Joe Street neighbours, and camaraderie with his work crew. Don made generosity look effortless, he was always ready to lend a hand, share a story, or roll up his sleeve to give blood. He met the world with a smile, a sense of humour, and just enough sass to keep you on your toes. Don was a romantic at heart and held out lifelong hope that the Detroit Lions would win a Super Bowl and the Toronto Maple Leafs might, one day, remember how to win the Cup. Don's family is grateful for the kind and compassionate care he received from the staff at Fairwinds Lodge, C.E.E. Continuing Care Team and Vision Nursing Home over the last year. Cremation has taken place and a private family funeral has been arranged.

Masonic Craft lodge, 1st. Deg. September 12, 1962 Petrolia No. 194. 2nd Deg. October 10, 1962, 3rd Deg. November 14th 1962 all at Petrolia No. 194

Scottish Rite, 4th Deg. March 22,1977, Sarnia Lodge Perfection, 14th Deg. March 26, 1977. Elected Sarnia Lodge of Perfection T.P.G.M.1989, 18th Deg. October 22,1978, Rose Croix London, 32nd Deg. September 8, 1988, Vancouver, B.C.

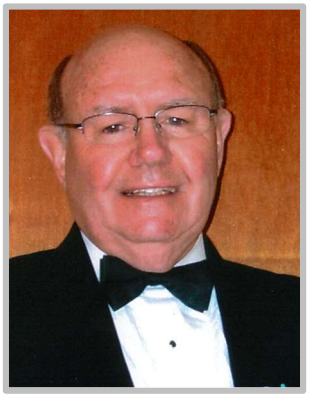
Member, The Royal Order of Scotland, Hamilton,1987

York Rite, Royal Arch Mason November 27, 1996 in Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, At Sarnia, Province of ON. Royal & Select Master October 21, 1997 in Riblah Council No. 6 at Sarnia Knight Templar, January 5,1997, in St. Simon. Of Cyrene Perceptory No. 37, Sarnia Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Member Mocha Temple, London. 1975, Royal Order of Gestors1996 London, Member Lambton Shrine Club July 17, 1987.

Order Eastern Star Chapter No. 6, Donald & Daulphine Members.

We cherish his Memory in Our HEARTS.

ILL. BRO. FREDERICK CHARLES **SMITH**, 33°



Ill. Bro, Frederick Charles Smith, 33°, passed away quietly and peacefully in his 85th year at Victoria Hospital, London, on Monday, November 11, 2024, following a period of deteriorating health.

Ill. Bro. Smith was born November 17, 1939 in Brockville, Ontario on November 17, 1939.

After working in various financial and commercial positions in Brockville, he moved to London in 1965, to join the Diesel Division of General Motors of Canada Ltd. as a Junior Accountant. When he retired in 1999, he had held supervisory positions in finance, sales, service, parts, and finally in production, when he became associated with the LAV (defence) operations.

He was a long-time member of Metropolitan United Church in London, Ontario.

He spent 22 years as a referee in London minor and men's recreational hockey leagues.

In Craft Masonry, he was initiated in Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 G.R.C. in January 1991. He served as its Worshipful Master in 1997 and 1998 and later as Assistant Secretary. He was appointed Grand Steward in July 2012.

In Scottish Rite Masonry, he received his 4th degree in the London Lodge of Perfection October 23, 1992, his 18th degree in the London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix April 17, 1993 and his 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory November 6, 1993. He was Coroneted Honorary Inspector-General 33º on September 11, 2014 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the London Lodge of Perfection in 2009 and was an active member of the 4th, 6th and 13th degree casts.

At Moore Sovereign Consistory he served as the Executive Officer for the London Valley 2012-2013 and was a member of the 29th degree cast.

He was an active member of Mocha Shriners, belonging to the London Shrine Club, Mocha Trumpet Band (President, 2000), the Grand & Glorious Order of the Hillbilly Degree (Maple Leaf Clan No.59), and the Camel Coach unit. For many years, he served as the Director of the Mocha Alumni Unit of Past Masters which supported Masonic Lodges in degree work throughout the London area.

He is survived by his sons Michael and his wife Rita of London, Dennis and his wife Melissa of Grand Bend and Ernest and his wife Teresa of Seaforth. Cherished grandfather of Dakota, Frank, Shayna and Cie;

Zander; Sierra, Ernest Jr., Caitlin, Amber and Keagan and great-grandfather of 12. Brother of Joan O' Shaughnessy and her husband Everett of Lyn and Kenneth Smith and his wife Sharon of Brockville, and brother-in-law of Lorraine Smith of Brockville. Predeceased by his brother Cecil Smith (2023) and by his long-time friend and companion Barbara Sweeny (2024). Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A Masonic Service under the auspices of Kilwinning Lodge No. 64 A.F. & A.M. was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the A. Millard George Funeral Home, 60 Ridout Street South, London, where visitation followed from 7:00-9:00 pm.

ILL. BRO. NORMAN GERALD **STACEY**, 33°

Peterborough Valley is very saddened with the passing of Ill. Bro. Norman Gerald Stacy 33°, who passed away under his own terms on Friday, September 20th. 2024. Norm was born in Newtonville, Ontario, on December 5th, 1939.

Norm was predeceased by Ruth (nee Bullock), his wife of forty-nine years. They had three daughters, Kathy, Susan and Christine. He is also survived by seven grandchildren. His extended family includes his sisters, nieces and nephews.

Norm was employed by General Motors of Canada for thirty-two years before his retirement. During those years and afterwards he found time for hunting, fishing and farming. He also indulged his love of horses and dogs, loves he has passed on to his daughters and grandchildren.

Ill. Bro. Stacey's masonic career began when he was initiated into Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee, Ontario, on April 9th, 1980. He continued to serve his lodge at many levels, becoming Worshipful Master in 1988 and serving Victoria District as the District Deputy Grand Master in 1992-1993. He was well known in the district for his ability to perform many pieces of work.

In Royal Arch Masonry Norm was a Past First Principal of Midland Chapter R.A.M. in Lindsay. He was also a member of Moore Conclave No. 15 in Peterborough.

Norm continued to spread his wings when he was initiated into the Peterborough Lodge of Perfection on April 17th, 1982, and then Midland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons on May 17th, 1984. Although he may have been slower progressing through the Scottish Rite degrees, receiving his 32nd degree in the Barrie Consistory, on May 10th, 2003, he continued to show his diversity, and participated in many degrees, including the 6th, the 11th and the Easter Ceremonies. He also supported the Scottish Rite by participating in a Scottish Rite Degree Team, organized through the Scottish Rite Club of Victoria District. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General on September 16th, 2010, in Moncton, NB.

Following his receiving his 33rd degree, Ill. Bro. Stacey continued to demonstrate his love and support for the Scottish Rite by serving with his fellow HIGs in the many activities of the Valley until an incident restricted his ability to participate. His loss of ability has been felt in all his former endeavours and even more so now that he has passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

Norm was a faithful congregant of the Bally Duff Presbyterian Church. He served as Clerk of Session for many years and distinguished himself and a very active member of his church.

His down to earth manner and plain-spoken good sense will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM GEORGE **SYKES**, 33°

Illustrious Brother George William "Bill" Sykes, 33°, H.I.G., age 94, passed away peacefully in Edmonton on March 3, 2025. He was born in Prince Albert, SK on October 25, 1930.

He was educated in Public and High Schools in Prince Albert, SK, graduating in 1949.

During his High School years, he was a Petty Officer in the Canadian Sea Cadet Corps. He also taught Sunday School in the communities he lived in. Bill was active in the Tuxis Boys' movement, representing his Group at the 1948 and 1949 Tuxis and Older Boys' Parliament, held in the Regina, Saskatchewan Provincial Legislature.

Following High School, Bill articled for 3 years with a Chartered Accounting firm in Prince Albert, and in January 1953, accepted a position with a Natural Gas Company in Vermilion, Alberta. In the Fall of 1953, he joined Canadian Utilities Limited, retiring in the Spring of 1989, in his 36th year of service, as Supervisor, Administration, Corporate Secretarial. During his working years he received professional designations in accounting, finance, internal audit and corporate secretarial. After a fulfilling career, he retired from Canadian Utilities in 1989.

Bill married Marjorie Doreen Wintermute in Prince Albert, SK on July 16, 1955. They celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary in July 2022 before her sudden passing in September 2022. They were blessed with three daughters, Heather, Diane and Lorraine, and were proud Grandparents of two grandsons and one granddaughter, who reside in Montreal.

Bill and Marj were long standing members of Grace United Church, and gave countless hours volunteering in their Church and community. As his vision allowed, Bill enjoyed skating, golfing, curling, dancing and playing cards. He was a fitness enthusiast, hockey fan, world traveler and avid gardener. He was friendly and outgoing, and enjoyed gathering and talking with family, friends and neighbors.

Bill was very active in his community, volunteering for many organizations including the Edmonton Branch, Victorian Order of Nurses, Alex Taylor Inner-city School, Junior Achievement, Grace Garden Court Seniors Home, Hardisty Nursing Home, Grace United Church, and Canadian Utilities Pensioners' Association.

V.W. Bro. Bill Sykes was Initiated into Eastgate Lodge No 192 on September 16th, 1969. He was Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on October 21st, 1969, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 18th, 1969. He served the craft in many capacities including Worshipful Master of Eastgate Lodge, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge of Alberta, Granted Honorary Life Membership in Eastgate Lodge in March 2017.

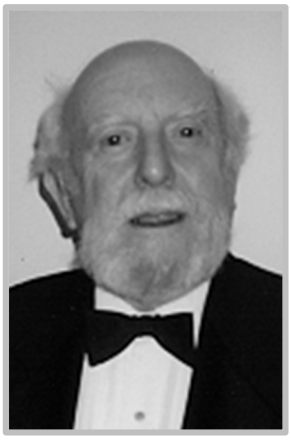
Illustrious Brother Sykes joined the Valley of Edmonton, A. &. A. S. R. on February 8th, 1978 - receiving the 14th Degree on February 10th, the 18th Degree on March 23rd and the 32nd Degree on October 27th of that year.

He served as Thrice Puissant Grand Master, Edmonton Lodge of Perfection, 1986 – 87, participated in and directed several degrees, and was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° in Saskatoon, SK – 1992. Bro. Sykes was received into the Royal Order of Scotland, September 2003, in Calgary, AB.

Bill's many hobbies include gardening, visiting hospitals and long-term care facilities and working out at the Grant McEwan Sports and Wellness Gym until the last few years when his overall health prevented him from doing so.

Illustrious Brother Sykes was a mentor, guide, and a true example of the Ideal of Freemason. He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by all whose life he touched.

ILL. BRO. WILLIAM EARLE **TAYLOR**, 33°



Illustrious Brother William (Earle) Taylor passed away peacefully in Victoria March 3, 2025, at the age of 97 years.

He is predeceased by his dear friend Sheila Pugsley. He is survived by Sheila's daughter Lesley (Bill) Kennes and their family.

Born in Nanaimo in 1927, moved to Chemainus later that year, moved to Victoria in 1941. Attended Central Junior High School and Victoria High School. Served his apprenticeship in Auto Mechanics at National Motors. He worked in mechanical field until 1969 joined the B.C. Government with the Department of Public Works, transferred to the Ministry of Forests in 1978, unfortunately in 1985 while maintaining emergency vehicles for the forest service fire fighters in the B.C. interior he was involved in an airplane crash that ended his working career. He retired as a Heavy Duty -Senior Trades Supervisor.

Earle's interest in freemasonry was peaked as his father was a member of Lewis Lodge No. 872 Whitehaven England and the kindness the masons showed to his mother upon his fathers' death. He was initiated, passed and raised in Britannia Lodge No. 73 in 1955 that was the start of a 70-year masonic career. He served as Worshipful Master in 1969 and 2002, Director of Ceremonies for 28 years (1974 to 2002). Chairman of Britannia Lodge ritual committee. In 1986 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Victoria District No. 21 by Most Worshipful Brother Don Wakelyn. Earle was the senior P.D.D.G.M. of Victoria District No. 1. Earle was an honorary member of Britannia Lodge No. 73, Cariboo Lodge No. 4 in Bakerville, Yukon Lodge No. 45 in Dawson City and San Juan Lodge No. 175 in Friday Harbour, Washington State, and the senior member of San Juan Lodge.

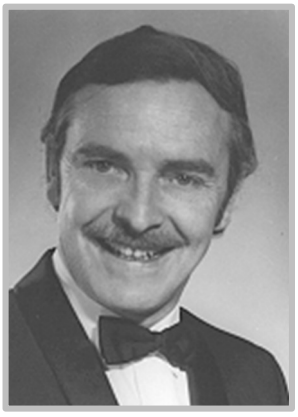
Ill. Bro. Taylor's Scottish Rite career spanned 68 years, a journey that started in the Valley of Victoria in 1958 receiving his 14° June 10, 1959, 18° January 3, 1984, and his 32° April 14, 1984. He was installed as Thrice Puissant Grand Master February 8, 1986, and installed as Most Wise Sovereign on February 9, 1993. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General 33° in Niagara Falls Ontario in 1999. He was an excellent ritualist and was the director and cast member of many degrees. Earle rarely missed a meeting and was always prepared to help in whatever capacity was required.

Over the years Earle has travelled throughout Canada, United States and other parts of the world visiting Masonic Lodges and has been a stalwart ambassador of our Grand Jurisdiction, Valley and Freemasonry in general.

Illustrious Brother Taylor was known for his enthusiasm and dedication to the craft. He will be deeply missed by his family and the many he touched throughout his life.

The Will of God has Been Accomplished, Rest in Peace Bro. Taylor.

ILL. BRO. JERVIS **WEIR**, 33°



Ill. Bro. Jervis Weir, 33° passed away on August 21, 2024, at the Sudbury Regional Health Centre. He was born on August 15, 1927, at Galgorm Parks in the County of Antrim, the Province of Ulster in Northern Ireland.

Ill. Bro. Weir worked for Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd for 42 years. He married his wife Thelma and have 5 children: 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

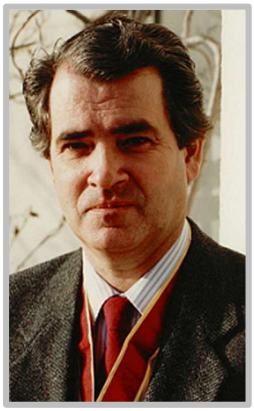
He served with the A.T.C. and the R.A.F. between 1941-1946 and with the RCAF (Reserve). He was C.O. for the No. 200 Sudbury R.C.A.C. Squadron between 1957-1966. He was the Chairman of the Public-School Board and Area Committee Cubs & Scouts. As well, he served as Board Chairman of the Chelmsford United Church.

Ill. Bro. Weir was initiated into Bethel Lodge No. 699 in Sudbury, Ontario on April 23, 1965: Passed on May 28, 1965, and Raised on June 25, 1965. He was Installed as Worshipful Master in 1974. He also served as Chairman of the Building Committee for the Belrock Masonic Temple Corporation between 1970-1975.

Ill. Bro. Weir joined the North Bay Valley Lodge of Perfection on April 1, 1966; the North Bay Chapter of Rose Croix on October 18, 1966, and Moore's Sovereign Consistory on May 6, 1967. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General at the Supreme Council Sessions in Hamilton on September 12, 1975. He was TPGM for the Sudbury Lodge of Perfection in 1977-78.

He was very active in the Scottish Rite in Sudbury and their Lodge of Perfection Reunion in 2023 was named in his honour. He was also very active in the several York Rite bodies in Sudbury and remained active until only the past several years. He was known for his ritual work, which was impressive, as well as a good man, husband, and father, lovingly remembered by all the family.

ILL. BRO. ERIC FRANCIS **WELBANKS**, 33°



The Valley of Kingston mourns the sudden and unexpected passing of Ill. Bro. Eric Francis Welbanks on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 in his 82nd year. Eric is survived by his wife of 57 years, Linda; his children Susanne, Cheryl and Shawn; and his grandchildren Erica, Trent, Abigail, Jack, Tyler and Megan.

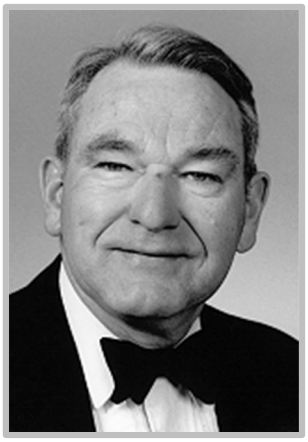
Eric was born in Kingston, Ontario on August 22, 1943. He worked for many years in a variety of industrial manufacturing and export businesses. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and traveling with family and friends. He was most happy when he was surrounded by his grandchildren at the cottage on the South Shore of Amherst Island. Eric was a pillar of the community and dedicated much of his life to service organizations.

Eric began his Masonic career in Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119 in Bath, Ontario, and remained a member until his passing, earning his 60-year membership pin in October, 2024. He served as Worshipful Master in 1977; Frontenac District Secretary 1980-81; and Grand Steward 1981-82. He became a member of the Kingston Lodge of Perfection in 1978, progressed to the Rose of Sharon Chapter of Rose Croix, Kingston, and the Ottawa Consistory in 1980. He served as the Most Wise Sovereign in 1986. He was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General in 1992.

Eric was a Past Worthy Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star where he was a member for 45 years. He was very active in the Shrine, serving as the President of the Kingston District Shrine Club in 1986, and for many years as Ambassador of Rameses Temple, Kingston.

Eric was a gentleman, sincere, modest, faithful and dedicated to family, friends, the Craft and the Rite. He served with distinction and will be fondly remembered by his brethren.

ILL. BRO. DONALD HERBERT **WINTERTON**, 33°



The membership of the Valley of Windsor was saddened by the death. in hospice, of Donald 'Don' Winterton, on March 25, 2025. He was predeceased by Mary Jane [2012], his wife of 54 years. Don was a man who spent his Masonic career as an unofficial mentor, elder, advisor, and volunteer.

Don was born on July 29, 1931 in London, Ontario, where he attended Manor Park Elementary, Beal Technical and South Secondary Schools. After graduation Don was hired by CN London where he was an Apprentice and then a Journeyman Carman. He was with CN from 1950 until 1958, when he received his Teaching Certificate, type B; Technical, from the Ontario College of Education.

Don Winterton married Mary Jane Heighway in 1958 and moved to Windsor. He taught woodworking at Riverside High school from 1958 until he retired in 1987.

While there, Don earned his Industrial Arts Teaching Certificate, graduated with a BA in History from the University of Windsor in 1970, and added a Teaching Certificate in History. Don and Mary Jane raised two children, a daughter, Janice [Chung], and a son, Mark, who became an Engineer with Windsor's Department.

Don was a Cub Scout leader and very active in Scouting from 1950 until 1970 [Gilwell 1953]. He was also a Lieutenant in the Sea Cadets from1958 to 1963. An active churchgoer Don served in several capacities at St. Barnabas Anglican Church; Parish Council, Church Warden, Lay Assistant, Past President of the B.A.C.

Don became a Freemason in 1972. He was initiated on Feb.26**,** passed on April 12 and raised on September 20, in Dominion Lodge No. 598. He became Worshipful Master in 1976, was Lodge Secretary from 1980 to 2007, and became Windsor District DDGM in 1985. He was also an Honorary Member of Clifton Lodge No. 664, in Lakewood, Ohio.

In Windsor District Don was Secretary of the Windsor District Masonic Association from 1990 to 1999. He also served on the Finance Committee, Chaired the Master's Ball Committee, and served for many years as Chairman of the Windsor District Sick and Visitation Committee.

In the York Rite, Don became a Royal Arch Mason on May 1, 1989 in A.R.K. Chapter 80 R.A.M and he served as; First Principal of Windsor Chapter 71 R.A.M. in 1993, Grand Superintendent of R.A.M; St. Clair District 1 in 2000 and 2001, Secretary/Recorder of Essex Council 123 Royal and Select Masters from 2000 to 2008. and Thrice Illustrious Master R.&S.M. – 2002 (V.III Master – 2006), in 1995 he was Puissant Sovereign in St. John's Conclave No. 11, in 2006 he joined Preceptory No. 26 becoming a Knight's Templar –in 2008. Don was also a member of; Chatham Council Allied Masonic Degrees, No. 123, and Windsor's York Rite College No. 9, Thames Tabernacle No. 108 and Knight Templar Priests.

In the Shrine, Don joined Mocha Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. in1977 and was Ambassador Emeritus in1997, Moramos Shrine Club President 1993, Chairman of both the Keno Committee & Sick Committees from 1996 until 2013. He was also in the Shrine Oriental Band and a member of the Royal Order of Jesters from 1998 until he took a demit in 2018.

Don Winterton was also very active in the Scottish Rite; In 1974 he joined Windsor Valley's Lodge of Perfection receiving the 4th Degree on April 13, and the 14th Degree on April 21. He received his 18th Degree, in Windsor Valley's Chapter of Rose Croix on November 26, 1974. In Hamilton Consistory he received his 32nd Degree on November 8, 1975. He became the Thrice Puissant Grand Master of Windsor Valley's Lodge of Perfection in 1984 Don was Coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of the 33rd Degree at the 118th Sessions held in Saskatoon, SK in 1992. He was Treasurer, Windsor Valley Scottish Rite 1999-2010. He also served as Valley Sick and Visitation Chairman for several years.

►GENERAL DATA AND STATISTICS◄

Sovereign Grand Commanders Since 1874

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON
Oct. 16, 1874 to Jan. 13, 1882
Died 13th January, 1882

WILLIAM HENRY HUTTON
Jan. 13, 1882 to Oct. 21, 1886
Died 9th October, 1893

JOHN VALENTINE ELLIS
Oct. 21, 1886 to Oct. 27, 1892
Died 10th July, 1913

JOHN WALTER MURTON
Oct. 27, 1892 to Oct. 23, 1898
Died 23rd October, 1898

ISAAC HENRY STEARNS
Oct. 26, 1898 to Oct. 27, 1904
Died 15th February, 1921

SIR JOHN MORISON GIBSON
Oct. 27, 1904 to Oct. 23, 1913
Oct. 26, 1922 to Oct. 25, 1923
Died 3rd June, 1929

BENJAMIN ALLEN
Oct. 23, 1913 to Oct. 23, 1919
Died 10th April, 1920

JOHN ALEXANDER CAMERON
Oct. 23, 1919 to Oct. 26, 1922
Oct. 25, 1923 to Oct. 8, 1925
Died 16th December, 1931

ALFRED FREDERICK WEBSTER
Oct. 8, 1925 to Oct. 3, 1934
Died 7th May, 1938

WILLIAM HUGH WARDROPE
Oct. 3, 1934 to Oct. 2, 1940
Apr. 18, 1942 to Oct. 7, 1942
Died 27th June, 1947

JOHN ALBERT ROWLAND
Oct. 2, 1940 to April 18, 1942
Died 18th April, 1942

DOUGLAS GORDON McILWRAITH
Oct. 7, 1942 to Feb. 2, 1948
Died 2nd February, 1948

GEORGE HENRY ROSS
Feb. 2, 1948 to Feb. 14, 1950
Died 14th February, 1950

DOUGLAS FRASER
Feb. 14, 1950 to Oct. 15, 1952
Died 26th August, 1968

CLARENCE MacLEOD PITTS
Oct. 15, 1952 to Sept. 21, 1955
Died 10th April, 1965

THOMAS KINGSMILL WADE
Sept. 21, 1955 to Sept. 11, 1958
Died 20th January, 1965

JAMES ALEXANDER SIMPSON
Sept. 11, 1958 to Sept. 7, 1961
Died 6th July, 1963

RICHARD COULTON BERKINSHAW
Sept. 7, 1961 to Sept. 9, 1964
Died 4th May, 1970

GEORGE CLEVELAND DERBY
Sept. 9, 1964 to Sept. 13th, 1967
Died 5th January, 1971

CHARLES HERBERT CUNNINGHAM
Sept. 13, 1967 to Sept. 12, 1969
Died 12th September, 1969

DONALD LLOYD WITTER
Sept. 12, 1969 to Sept. 8, 1973
Died 21st June, 1992

HOWARD BROWN MOORE
1970 Honorary
Died 6th June, 1978

HARVEY ROY DOANE
Sept. 8, 1973 to Sept. 11, 1976
Died 10th June, 1989

WALTER CLIFTON McDONALD
Sept. 11, 1976 to Sept. 15, 1979
Died 7th November, 1999

WALTER HENRY MORTLOCK
Sept. 15, 1979 to Sept. 11, 1982
Died 17th January, 1998

LYLE HERBERT BERGSTROM
Sept. 11, 1982 to Sept. 14, 1985
Died 8th August, 1992

GORDON LOCKHART BENNETT
Sept. 14, 1985 to Sept. 10, 1988
Died 11th February, 2000

JOHN ALLAN BOURNE
Sept. 10, 1988 to Sept. 14, 1991
Died 11th October, 2000

JOHN VINCENT LAWER
Sept. 14, 1991 to Sept. 10, 1994
Died 29th March, 2016

HAROLD EDWARD CROSBY
Sept. 10, 1994 to Sept. 13, 1997
Died 28th February. 2025

GLENN MARVIN MARTIN
Sept. 13, 1997 to Sept. 16, 2000
Died 8th April, 2015

NORMAN EDWARD BYRNE
Sept. 16, 2000 to Sept 13, 2003
Died 13th Sept., 2005

ORLAN JOHN WEBER
Sept. 13, 2003 to Sept. 16, 2006

CHARLES ROBERT TOWNSHEND
Sept. 16, 2006 to Sept. 19, 2009
Died 14th March, 2015

MATTHEW FRANCIS TODD
Sept. 19, 2009 to Sept. 15, 2012

RICHARD AUSTIN HOWELL BROWN
Sept. 15, 2012 to Sept. 19, 2015

TERRY ALLAN McLEAN
Sept. 19, 2015 to Sept. 15, 2018

ROBERT STUART WHITMORE
Sept. 15, 2018 to Sept. 16, 2022

DAVID ALLAN BENNETT
Sept. 16, 2022 to

Past Annual Sessions

1874 ~ Ottawa
1875 ~ Montréal
1876 ~ "
1877 ~ "
1878 ~ "
1879 ~ "
~ (special in March at Hamilton)
1880 ~ Montréal
1881 ~ "
1882 ~ "
1883 ~ "
1884 ~ "
1885 ~ (Not held at Saint John)
~ (special in April at Hamilton)
1886 ~ Montréal
~ (special in November at Hamilton)
1887 ~ Montréal
1888 ~ "
1889 ~ "
1890 ~ Hamilton
1891 ~ Saint John
1892 ~ Montréal
1893 ~ "
1894 ~ Toronto
1895 ~ Montréal
1896 ~ Ottawa
1897 ~ Montréal
1898 ~ "
1899 ~ Saint John
1900 ~ Toronto
1901 ~ Montréal
1902 ~ "
1903 ~ Toronto
1904 ~ Montréal
1905 ~ Ottawa
1906 ~ London
1907 ~ Montréal
1908 ~ "
1909 ~ Toronto
1910 ~ Montréal
1911 ~ Winnipeg
1912 ~ Hamilton
1913 ~ Montréal
1914 ~ Toronto
1915 ~ Ottawa
1916 ~ Montréal
1917 ~ London
1918 ~ Hamilton
1919 ~ Montréal
1920 ~ Hamilton
1921 ~ Ottawa
1922 ~ Montréal
1923 ~ Toronto
~ (special at Hamilton)
1924 ~ Vancouver
1925 ~ Montréal
1926 ~ Halifax
1927 ~ Hamilton
1928 ~ Montréal
1929 ~ Edmonton
1930 ~ Toronto
1931 ~ Montréal
1932 ~ Saint John
1933 ~ Ottawa
1934 ~ Montréal
1935 ~ Vancouver
1936 ~ London
1937 ~ Montréal
1938 ~ Halifax
1939 ~ Fort William
1940 ~ Montréal
1941 ~ Regina
1942 ~ Hamilton
1943 ~ Montréal
1944 ~ Windsor
1945 ~ Hamilton (93)
1946 ~ Québec (111) (67)
1947 ~ Calgary (111) (73)
1948 ~ London (158) (100)
1949 ~ Saint John (150) (101)
1950 ~ Ottawa (189) (119)
1951 ~ Winnipeg (176) (118)
1952 ~ Niagara (230) (146)
1953 ~ Montréal (201) (147)
1954 ~ Toronto (243) (197)
1955 ~ Vancouver (184) (146)
1956 ~ Hamilton (224) (199)
1957 ~ Halifax (200) (159)
1958 ~ Windsor (247) (199)
1959 ~ Saskatoon (199) (143)
1960 ~ Fort William (220) (157)
1961 ~ St. Andrews (205) (159)
1962 ~ London (291) (230)
1963 ~ Edmonton (242) (177)
1964 ~ Ottawa (289) (245)
1965 ~ Montréal (264) (204)
1966 ~ Niagara (268) (220)
1967 ~ Winnipeg (256) (193)
1968 ~ Hamilton (351) (269)
1969 ~ Halifax (265) (213)

1970 ~ Toronto (290) (220)
1971 ~ Calgary (287) (223)
1972 ~ Windsor (273) (206)
1973 ~ Vancouver (283) (224)
1974 ~ Ottawa (368) (315)
1975 ~ Hamilton (301) (252)
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1980 ~ Winnipeg (387) (316)
1981 ~ Peterborough (419) (346)
1982 ~ Fredericton (349) (301)
1983 ~ Toronto (410) (331)
1984 ~ Edmonton (392) (326)
1985 ~ London (462) (383)
1986 ~ Charlottetown (396) (346)
1987 ~ Windsor (375) (305)
1988 ~ Vancouver (416) (343)
1989 ~ Ottawa (411) (334)
1990 ~ St. John's (353) (302)
1991 ~ Thunder Bay (332) (273)
1992 ~ Saskatoon (356) (291)
1993 ~ Hamilton (358) (284)
1994 ~ Halifax (337) (285)
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2003 ~ Windsor (307) (230)
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2005 ~ Toronto (326) (262)
2006 ~ Halifax (340) (280)
2007 ~ Ottawa (320) (251)
2008 ~ Vancouver (255) (201)
2009 ~ Hamilton (296) (211)
2010 ~ Moncton (234) (173)
2011 ~ Thunder Bay (245) (170)
2012 ~ Winnipeg (209) (131)
2013 ~ Barrie (284) (215)
2014 ~ Halifax (239) (181)
2015 ~ Windsor (278) (195)
2016 ~ St. John's (229) (189)
2017 ~ Montréal (261) (196)
2018 ~ London (297) (209)
2019 ~ Executive Session (41)
2020 ~ Executive Session (43)
(Full session cancelled due to Covid-19)
2021 ~ Executive Session (49)
2022 ~ Saskatoon (237) (153)
2023 ~ Executive Session (50)
2024 ~ Ottawa (291) (193)
2025 ~ Executive Session (48)

Year ~ City (Members) (Ladies)

Future Sessions

2026 ~ Hamilton, ON	Thursday, September 17 to Saturday, September 19, 2026
2027 ~ Executive Session	Wednesday September 15, 2027
2028 ~ Nanaimo, BC	Thursday, September 14 to Saturday, September 16, 2028
2029 ~ Executive Session	Wednesday September 12, 2029

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Date of Active Mem. - September 14th, 2002

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Orlan John Weber	Sep. 10, 1987	Sep. 12, 1992
Matthew Francis Todd	Sep. 12, 1996	Sep. 18, 1999
Robert Stuart Whitmore	Sep. 08, 1994	Sep. 16, 2000
Brian Wilfred Gilkinson	Sep. 13, 2001	Sep. 15, 2001
Richard Austin Howell Brown	Sep. 17, 1998	Sep. 14, 2002
Gareth Rhys Taylor	Sep. 13, 2001	Sep. 16, 2006
William Charles Fitzsimmons	Sep. 12, 2002	Sep. 16, 2006
Terry Allan McLean	Sep. 15, 2005	Sep. 13, 2008
Robert David Brethour	Sep. 14, 2000	Sep. 18, 2010
Gordon Lee Greasley	Sep. 13, 2007	Sep. 17, 2011
David Allan Bennett	Sep. 14, 2006	Sep. 13, 2014
Karl Edmond Springer	Sep. 17, 1998	Sep. 15, 2015
Jeffrey Ralph Dickson	Sep. 13, 2001	Sep. 15, 2015
William Anthony Davis	Sep. 13, 2007	Sep. 15, 2015
Thomas Arthur Wills	Sep. 16, 2004	Sep. 17, 2016
Allan Leonard Long	Sep. 11, 2014	Sep. 14, 2017
Paul Eugene Frank	Sep. 17, 2009	Sep. 15, 2018
Graham Alexander Fraser	Sep. 12, 2013	Sep. 15, 2018
Owen Thomas Devereaux	Sep. 11, 2014	Sep. 15, 2018
Alan John Stoddart	Sep. 17, 2015	Sep. 15, 2018
Ronald John Taylor	Sep. 15, 2016	Sep. 15, 2018
Gordon Raymond Maitland	Sep. 13, 2018	Sep. 15, 2018
Bruce Malcolm Jardine	Sep. 14, 2017	Sep. 11, 2019
Steven Earl Warren	Sep. 13, 2007	Sep. 16, 2020
Stephen George Hannah	Sep. 16, 2004	Sep. 17, 2020
Donald Brent Julian	Sep. 13, 2007	Sep. 17, 2020
Douglas George Easton	Sep. 12, 2013	Sep. 18, 2020
Errol Anthony Stewart	Sep. 16, 2010	Sep. 16, 2021
John Lyle Barr	Sep. 14, 2006	Sep. 17, 2021
Norman Kent Clarke	Sep. 14, 2006	Sep. 17, 2022
Walter Harold Welke	Sep. 11, 2008	Sep. 17, 2022
Clive David Stephenson	Sep. 17, 2015	Sep. 17, 2022
Alexander Bruce Taylor	Sep. 17, 2015	Sep. 17, 2022
John Charles Revell	Sep. 14, 2017	Sep. 17, 2022
Richard Edward Jones	Sep. 13, 2018	Sep. 17, 2022
Joel Frederick MacDonald	Mar. 26, 2022	Sep. 17, 2022
Fayez Oustwani	Sep. 15, 2016	Oct. 23, 2023
David Jasper Boyd	Sep. 11, 2014	Sep. 14, 2024
Adrian Cretu	Mar. 26, 2022	Sep. 14, 2024

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Past Active Members by Seniority

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Donald Douglas Thornton	Sep. 14, 1995	Sep. 17, 2011
Gordon Stanley Young	Sep. 10, 1987	Sep. 14, 2013
Harry Edward Standish	Sep. 12, 1996	Sep. 14, 2013
Samuel Kalinowsky	Sep. 13, 2007	Sep. 14, 2013
Marvin LaGrange Munro	Sep. 09, 1982	Sep. 18, 2015
Michael Ward	Sep. 17, 1998	Sep. 17, 2016
Victor Lepp	Sep. 12, 2002	Sep. 17, 2016
Michael David Huron Farr.	Sep. 12, 1991	Sep. 15, 2018
James Stephen Ross	Sep. 10, 1992	Sep. 15, 2018
Chesley Roy Piercey	Sep. 09, 1993	Sep. 15, 2018
David Ronald MacDonald	Sep. 13, 2001	Sep. 15, 2018
David Garth Hooper	Sep. 15, 2005	Sep. 15, 2018
Wilfred Douglas Keam	Sep. 12, 1996	Sep. 11, 2019
Stephen Godfrey	Sep. 12, 1996	Sep. 16, 2020
John Wesley Trousdale	Sep. 11, 2003	Sep. 16, 2020
Duncan Stuart Skinner	Sep. 17, 2009	Sep. 15, 2021
John Gray Teleske	Sep. 16, 2004	Sep. 15, 2021
Loren William Kline.	Sep. 17, 1998	Sep. 17, 2022
James Crawford Sutherland	Sep. 14, 2000	Sep. 17, 2022
Opkar Singh Sandhu	Sep. 15, 2005	Sep. 17, 2022
William Arthur Atkinson	Sep. 14, 2006	Sep. 17, 2022
Miles Rae Graham	Sep. 14, 2006	Sep. 17, 2022
Allan John Leslie Hadley	Sep. 14, 2013	Sep. 17, 2022
John Edward Harrison	Sep. 14, 2006	Sep. 14, 2024
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Canning, Howard Gordon	Edmonton	Sep. 11, 2008
Clark, Thomas Richard	Central Alberta	Sep. 13, 2018
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Creasor, Duane David	Lethbridge	Sep. 17, 2015
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Fyfe, Albert Edward	Lethbridge	Sep. 11, 2014
Gyulai, Daniel Anthony	Lethbridge	Sep. 17, 2009
Hochman, David Charles	Calgary	Sep. 15, 2016
Hunt, James Darryl	Edmonton	Sep. 14, 2017
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Irwin, Brant Calvin	Lethbridge	Sep. 13, 2018
Jakubowsky, Edward Jeffries	Lethbridge	Mar. 26, 2022
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Kristiansen, Michael	Edmonton	Sep. 15, 2022
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Mottershead, Stanley Erwin	Edmonton	Sep. 15, 2005
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Pay, Murray Vernon Desmond	Calgary	Sep. 16, 2004
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Rojas, Jorge Wilibaldo	Calgary	Sep. 11, 2008
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Sampson, Jordan David	Edmonton	Sep. 15, 2022
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Stewart, Angus Colin	Edmonton	Sep. 11, 2014

Name	Valley	Date Received
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Armstrong, James Marshall	Nanaimo	Sep. 15, 2022
Atkinson, Larry Lee	Fraser Valley	Sep. 12, 2002
Bagg, Robert Bruce	Vernon	Sep. 15, 2022
Birnie, Richard Allan	Vernon	Sep. 12, 2013
Bolger, Edward Carl	Victoria	Sep. 15, 2011
Boynton, Timothy Allen	Kamloops	Sep. 15, 2022
Broadberry, Jonathan Hugh	Kamloops	Sep. 15, 2016
Brooks, Garry Wayne	Victoria	Sep. 12, 2024
Brown, Winston Samuel Albert	Castlegar/Nelson	Sep. 12, 2002
Calli, Michael Kenneth	Prince Rupert	Sep. 14, 2000
Campbell, Donald Leslie	Victoria	Sep. 15, 2005
Cardinez, Winston Ambrose	Victoria	Sep. 13, 2007
Cave, William Rutherford	Prince George	Sep. 12, 2013
Cawsey, Richard Stephen John	Victoria	Sep. 15, 2022
Clark, Matthew Ridgley	Victoria	Sep. 17, 2015
Cross, John Alan	Nanaimo	Sep. 11, 2008
Dawe, Willliam Ernest	Victoria	Sep. 15, 2022
Dearing, Mark Seymour	Vernon	Sep. 13, 2012
Deighton, Keith Austin	Fraser Valley	Sep. 12, 2024
Donaldson, Mark Stephen	Campbell River	Sep. 13, 2012
Duchesne, Eric	Fraser Valley	Sep. 12, 2024
Durell, Philip Henry Edward	Vancouver	Sep. 12, 2002
Eales, Peter Raymond	Vancouver	Sep. 12, 2013
Elliott, Oliver Kent	Vancouver	Mar. 26, 2022
Ferguson, Charles William	Vernon	Sep. 12, 1996
Finch, Paul George	Victoria	Sep. 12, 2024
Fraser, Leonard Stanley	Fraser Valley	Sep. 14, 2017
Fulton, James Hugh	Kamloops	Sep. 11, 2014
Gillespie, Robert Reid	Vancouver	Sep. 17, 2009
Glambinskas, Kestutis Algird	Vancouver	Sep. 15, 2022
Gordon, Aidan Chalmers	Vancouver	Sep. 13, 2012
Gordon, Alexander Phillip Spencer	Victoria	Sep. 14, 2006
Hammell, Michael Frederick George	Campbell River	Sep. 13, 2018
Harder, Laurence Allan	Kamloops	Sep. 15, 2022
Hardy, Thomas Burnett	Vancouver	Sep. 12, 2002
Harper, John Thomas	Kamloops	Sep. 12, 1996
Hayes, Harold James	Campbell River	Sep. 14, 2006
Headen, Richard William	Victoria	Sep. 12, 2002
Hilborn, William Harvey	Victoria	Sep. 16, 2010
Hodson, Richard John	Victoria	Sep. 15, 2022

Name	Valley	Date Received
Holmes, Rodney Neil	Prince George	Sep. 12, 2024
Jaenen, David William	Victoria	Sep. 12, 2024
Johnson, Laurence D'Arcy Tisdall	Victoria	Mar. 26, 2022
Kitching, Grant Harrison	Victoria	Mar. 26, 2022
Ley, William Henry	Victoria	Sep. 14, 2017
Link, Lawrence William	Castlegar/Nelson	Sep. 08, 1988
Magnan, Bernard Armand	Vancouver	Sep. 15, 2022
McLean, Brian Daniel	Vancouver	Sep. 15, 2022
Meyer, Kenneth Brian	Nanaimo	Sep. 12, 2024
Mitchell, Dennis Weston	Vernon	Sep. 11, 2008
Moore, George	Fraser Valley	Sep. 16, 2010
Moreshead, James Arthur	Nanaimo	Sep. 09, 1993
Moxley, Murray Clinton	Vancouver	Sep. 17, 2009
Norbury, Michael Robin	Vancouver	Sep. 11, 2008
Osterhold, Carsten Erhard	Vernon	Sep. 15, 2022
Parent, Robert Lawrence Monte	Fraser Valley	Sep. 11, 2014
Park, Robert	Fraser Valley	Mar. 26, 2022
Parker, David Fletcher Hewlett	Prince Rupert	Sep. 14, 2000
Parker, David Wesley	Victoria	Sep. 15, 2005
Pattison, Alan Manning	Vernon	Sep. 16, 2004
Phillipson, Christopher Michael	Fraser Valley	Sep. 15, 2022
Porter, Terence Earl	Nanaimo	Sep. 12, 2024
Pratt, Gary Earnest Stephen	Vernon	Sep. 15, 2022
Racicot, Neil Merritt	Victoria	Sep. 15, 2022
Rakuson, Maurice Brett	Castlegar/Nelson	Sep. 14, 2017
Rayner, Ralph Gordon	Nanaimo	Sep. 12, 2024
Shaw, Henry William	Vernon	Sep. 16, 2004
Slawson, Kenneth Earl	Nanaimo	Sep. 14, 2017
Sowden, Douglas Robert	Nanaimo	Sep. 16, 2004
Storrie, David Scott	Campbell River	Sep. 15, 2016
Strelaeff, Robert	Victoria	Sep. 12, 2024
Stutt, Donald Earl	Vancouver	Sep. 12, 2024
Swityk, Albert Henry	Castlegar/Nelson	Sep. 16, 2004
Tennessy, Michael Douglas	Prince Rupert	Mar. 26, 2022
Thibault, Douglas Robert	Kamloops	Sep. 15, 2022
Timmins, Leonard Randle	Prince George	Sep. 14, 2017
Turner, Brian Vernon	Kamloops	Sep. 15, 2022
Turner, Harold Kendall	Fraser Valley	Sep. 17, 2009
Vales, Danny DaCosta	Victoria	Sep. 15, 2022
Wallace, Graeme Gardner	Vancouver	Sep. 14, 2017
Walsh, Len	Victoria	Sep. 12, 2024
Ward, Leonard Golding	Kamloops	Sep. 13, 2012
Weller, William Neil	Prince George	Sep. 16, 2004
Westmacott, Neil Raymond	Nanaimo	Mar. 26, 2022
Wolverton, Lyle Craig	Nanaimo	Sep. 12, 2024
Woodburn, Jeffrey Allen	Victoria	Sep. 17, 2009
Yerxa, Wayne Donald	Vancouver	Mar. 26, 2022

MANITOBA (16)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Balodis, Evar	Winnipeg	Sep. 15, 2022
Brooker, John Barry	Winnipeg	Sep. 11, 2014
Cox, Kenneth Richard	Winnipeg	Sep. 14, 2006

Name	Valley	Date Received
Dickson, Frederic John	Winnipeg	Sep. 10, 1992
Fergusson, John Archibald	Winnipeg	Sep. 09, 1982
Gilchrist, William Alexander	Winnipeg	Sep. 16, 1999
Haldane-Wilsone, Charles Rae	Winnipeg	Sep. 12, 1996
Jones, Edward Henry	Winnipeg	Sep. 15, 2022
Kindrat, Derek Edwin	Brandon	Sep. 14, 2006
Lerner, Hersch David	Winnipeg	Sep. 13, 2018
McIver, Iain Michael	Winnipeg	Mar. 26, 2022
McMullan, Robert Grant	Brandon	Sep. 13, 2007
Pohl, Norman Rudolf	Winnipeg	Sep. 12, 2013
Rosenbaum, Harry Joseph	Winnipeg	Sep. 16, 1999
Spence, Balfour Albert Barnswell	Brandon	Mar. 26, 2022
Yorke, Charles Edward	Winnipeg	Sep. 12, 2024

NEW BRUNSWICK (22)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Allen, Stephen Hazen	Moncton	Sep. 14, 2017
Bell, Hugh Lawson	Moncton	Sep. 13, 2018
Bishop, Allan Harold	Fredericton	Sep. 17, 2015
Bishop, Laurie Murray	Fredericton	Sep. 15, 2022
Brown, Larry Edwin	Fredericton	Sep. 16, 2010
Clouston, Murray Elwin	Moncton	Sep. 09, 1993
Ellsworth, Barry Vance	Moncton	Sep. 16, 2004
Ellsworth, Gordon Scott	Moncton	Sep. 11, 2014
Finnie, Ronald Geoffrey	Fredericton	Sep. 16, 2004
Gagnon, Nelson Joseph	Moncton	Sep. 17, 2015
Knowles, Derek Colin	Moncton	Sep. 16, 2010
McIsaac, Neil Frederick	Moncton	Sep. 12, 2024
Millett, William Donald	Moncton	Sep. 16, 2010
Moore, Daryl Leonard	Saint John	Sep. 15, 2022
Munn, Darrell Alexander	Fredericton	Sep. 15, 2016
Nason, Osborne LeBaron	Saint John	Sep. 16, 1999
Nelson, Randall William	Saint John	Sep. 14, 2006
Pelley, Finlay Graham	Saint John	Sep. 11, 2003
Petite, William James	Saint John	Sep. 14, 2006
Robinson, Russell John	Saint John	Sep. 16, 2010
Ross, David George	Saint John	Sep. 15, 2022
Whitcomb, Richard Murdoch	Saint John	Sep. 16, 2010

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR (6)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Budden, Gerald William	St. John's	Sep. 17, 2015
Handrigan, Clayton Thornhill	St. John's	Sep. 13, 2012
Mercer, Robert John	St. John's	Sep. 13, 2018
Miller, Douglas Paul Hugh	St. John's	Sep. 15, 2016
Parsons, Charles Richard	St. John's	Sep. 15, 2022
Rowsell, James Hedley	St. John's	Sep. 11, 2014

NOVA SCOTIA (25)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Alteen, David Waldo	Sydney	Sep. 17, 2009
Armstrong, Lawrin Carl	Halifax	Sep. 12, 1991

Name	Valley	Date Received
Ford, Harvey James	Halifax	Sep. 16, 2004
Fraser, David Oran	Halifax	Sep. 15, 2016
Fulton, Robert James	Halifax	Sep. 11, 2014
Gammell, Frank Andrew	Halifax	Sep. 13, 2018
Giffin, Whitman Joseph	Halifax	Sep. 14, 2017
Granchelli, Gordon Francis	Sydney	Sep. 17, 2015
Gregan, James Ivan	Halifax	Sep. 16, 2004
Horwich, Michael	Halifax	Sep. 13, 2007
Ihasz, Louis	Sydney	Sep. 13, 2012
Jackson, Edward Carson	Halifax	Sep. 13, 2001
Langham, David George	Sydney	Sep. 16, 2010
Mac Iver, Gordon Grant	Sydney	Mar. 26, 2022
MacDonald, Brian Lee	Sydney	Sep. 16, 2004
Macdonald, Roderick Neil Sinclair	Halifax	Sep. 15, 2022
MacFarlane, Gordon Shane	Sydney	Sep. 14, 1995
MacLeod, Donald Fergusson	Sydney	Sep. 13, 2012
Meunier, Lloyd Walter	Halifax	Sep. 16, 2010
Moffatt, Garfield Ian	Halifax	Sep. 15, 2022
Pizzo, Ronald Ernest	Halifax	Sep. 11, 2014
Publicover, Gerald Louis	Halifax	Sep. 14, 2000
Reid, George Wesley	Halifax	Sep. 13, 2012
Thornhill, Roland John	Sydney	Sep. 16, 2004
Wilson, James Munroe	Halifax	Sep. 14, 2017

ONTARIO (497)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Abraham, Victor Joel	Hamilton	Sep. 17, 2015
Adam, Michael Taylor	Sarnia	Sep. 15, 2016
Adamson, Kenneth Clare	Hamilton	Sep. 13, 2001
Alderson, Craig David	Kingston	Sep. 15, 2022
Alexander, Beverly Charles Wallace	Hamilton	Sep. 13, 2001
Alexander, Charles Robert	North Bay	Sep. 11, 2003
Allan, Frederick John	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2016
Andersen, Bent Ove	London	Sep. 17, 2009
Anderson, Bruce David	Thunder Bay	Sep. 13, 2012
Anderson, Ernest John Burns	Toronto	Sep. 17, 2015
Anderson, Ian Logan	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2022
Anderson, James Elverton	Barrie	Sep. 11, 1997
Anderson, John Karl	North Bay	Sep. 12, 1985
Anderson, Terence Mark	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2024
Arscott, Clifford Victor	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2005
Astles, Francis Paul	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 12, 2024
Atkinson, Dennis Gordon	Chatham	Sep. 14, 2006
Atkinson, Gary Laverne	Sarnia	Sep. 15, 2005
Atkinson, Walter Herbert	Guelph	Sep. 08, 1988
Atkinson, William Michael	Windsor	Sep. 16, 2010
Atsidakos, Peter	Toronto	Sep. 11, 1997
Ault, John Sydney	Woodstock	Sep. 13, 2007
Bailey, Murray Brian	Peterborough	Sep. 13, 2012
Bailey, Robert William	Sarnia	Sep. 14, 2000
Bain, Donald William	North Bay	Sep. 14, 1995
Baker, John Albert	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 2004
Barber, James Russell	London	Sep. 13, 2001

Name	Valley	Date Received
Barber, Paul Michael	Windsor	Sep. 17, 2009
Barclay, Morven Reid	Sarnia	Sep. 12, 2024
Barendregt, Steven John Henry	Barrie	Sep. 13, 2018
Barker, Wayne Harry	London	Sep. 17, 2009
Bayne, George Potter	Woodstock	Sep. 12, 2013
Beard, Christopher John	London	Mar. 26, 2022
Beckley, Randy Duncan	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2022
Bedford, Brock Howard	Hamilton	Sep. 10, 1987
Beggs, Loyal David	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 13, 2018
Bell, John David	Sudbury	Sep. 12, 2013
Benton, George Frederick	Hamilton	Sep. 08, 1988
Bergman, Donald Gordon Karl	Thunder Bay	Mar. 26, 2022
Beringer, Robert Dale	London	Sep. 11, 2003
Berry, Robert Alan	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 1999
Blair, Rodney Charles	Guelph	Sep. 15, 2011
Blake, Dennis Raymond	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2016
Blyden-Taylor, Dwight Brainerd	Toronto	Sep. 14, 2017
Bodrogi, Leslie Tibor	Toronto	Sep. 11, 2008
Bothwell, Ray James	Peterborough	Sep. 16, 1999
Boucher, Jerome John Baptise	Niagara	Sep. 16, 2004
Bowick, James William	Kingston	Sep. 14, 2017
Bracken, Lyman Clair	Sudbury	Sep. 17, 2015
Braslins, Armin Peter	Ottawa	Sep. 14, 2006
Breitsprecher, Peter Heinz	Thunder Bay	Sep. 12, 2002
Bridges, James Baird	London	Sep. 14, 2006
Brimer, William Norman	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 2010
Brinston, Kenneth Gerard	Ottawa	Sep. 14, 2006
Brisbois, Kenneth Elgin	Hamilton	Mar. 26, 2022
Britton, Harvey Neil	Kingston	Sep. 08, 1994
Brodhurst, Ian Daniel	Toronto	Sep. 16, 1999
Brodsky, Morton Irving	Windsor	Sep. 17, 2015
Brooks, Robert James	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 1999
Brown, Terence John	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 2002
Bryce, Ivan Andonias	Sarnia	Mar. 26, 2022
Burchill, Barry Francis	Ottawa	Mar. 26, 2022
Burns, Edward Lional Stewart	Hamilton	Sep. 13, 2018
Burrell, Earl Godfrey	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2012
Burrill, Beverley Carlyle	Woodstock	Sep. 17, 2015
Byrne, Darren Joshua	Peterborough	Sep. 14, 2017
Cakebread, James Richard	Hamilton	Sep. 17, 1998
Cambridge, Edward Newell	Hamilton	Mar. 26, 2022
Cameron, David James	London	Sep. 13, 2012
Cameron, David Richard Norman	London	Sep. 17, 2009
Cammisuli, Frank Anthony	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2022
Campbell, Donald	Hamilton	Sep. 13, 2007
Campbell, Donald Alexander	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2013
Campbell, Kenneth Edward	Peterborough	Sep. 12, 2024
Campbell, Robert Bruce	North Bay	Sep. 15, 2016
Campbell, Ronald Kenneth	Ottawa	Sep. 15, 2005
Carlson, Rene Paul	North Bay	Sep. 15, 2005
Case, Brian Douglas	Chatham	Sep. 13, 2012
Cayen, Gary Richard	Sudbury	Sep. 15, 2011
Chamney, Daniel William	Windsor	Sep. 12, 2024

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Chamney, William Robert	Windsor	Sep. 13, 2012
Charles, Raymond	London	Sep. 15, 2016
Chartier, Bryan Patrick	Windsor	Sep. 13, 2007
Chase, Kenneth Wayne	Thunder Bay	Sep. 17, 1998
Chisholm, William George	Toronto	Sep. 16, 2010
Christensen, Eric Ole	Guelph	Sep. 08, 1988
Christie, Jeffrey Alan	Ottawa	Sep. 15, 2011
Clark, John Colin	North Bay	Sep. 15, 2005
Clarke, Harold	Toronto	Sep. 16, 2010
Clarke, Robert Hartley	Ottawa	Sep. 15, 2022
Clunie, Ian Lambie	Toronto	Sep. 11, 1997
Cobanov, Milan	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2016
Codack, Edward John	Toronto	Sep. 14, 2017
Collins, Brentnall Gordon	Toronto	Sep. 14, 2017
Collins, Robert Edwin	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2007
Connor, Paul William Walter	Barrie	Sep. 16, 2010
Conway, Douglas Alfred	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2005
Cook, Guy Willard	Niagara	Sep. 14, 2006
Cornthwaite, John Thomas	Sudbury	Sep. 15, 2005
Coulter, Murray LeRoy	Woodstock	Sep. 09, 1993
Cousins, Charles Lawrie	London	Sep. 17, 2009
Coyle, Leon Michael	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2013
Crawford, Douglas Alexander	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2013
Cresswell, Robert John	London	Sep. 15, 2022
Crinklaw, John Jay	London	Sep. 14, 2000
Crutcher, Gordon Collings	Toronto	Sep. 14, 2006
Cumming, John Alexander	Guelph	Sep. 15, 2016
Curl, Gordon Franklin	Guelph	Sep. 13, 2001
Cuthbertson, Dale Alexander	Sarnia	Sep. 12, 2002
Davidson, Donald Alan	London	Sep. 14, 2006
Davidson, Gary William	London	Sep. 11, 2003
Davidson, Jeffrey Edward	London	Sep. 14, 2017
Davies, Richard Cerwyn	Toronto	Sep. 16, 2004
Dawe, David Douglas	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 15, 2016
Day, Robert Avery	London	Sep. 16, 2010
Dayman, Brian Donald	Guelph	Sep. 14, 2017
Deadman, William Leonard	Thunder Bay	Mar. 26, 2022
Deak, John Anthony	Peterborough	Mar. 26, 2022
DeGrow, Gary Ralph	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2022
DeMello, Aires Joseph	Barrie	Mar. 26, 2022
Denison, William Ralph	Hamilton	Sep. 14, 2017
Dennis, Michael Glen	Sarnia	Sep. 15, 2016
Devereux, Albert Scott	Woodstock	Mar. 26, 2022
Dixon, John Ross	Sudbury	Sep. 10, 1981
Dobson, David Bruce	Barrie	Sep. 13, 1990
Dobson, John Kaberry	Windsor	Sep. 16, 2004
Domjan, Louis Michael	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 2013
Donnelly, Hugh Norman	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2024
Dowling, David Garry	London	Sep. 16, 2010
Downey, Douglas John	Hamilton	Sep. 13, 2001
Drummond, Scott Rodney	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2022
Dunn, Wayne Edward	London	Sep. 11, 2014
Durant, Mark Spencer	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2005

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Dvorak, Allan Charles	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2013
Edwards, Timothy Alan	Toronto	Sep. 17, 2015
Elgie, Wayne Earl	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 1991
Emerick, Philip Walter	Chatham	Sep. 13, 1990
Ennest, William Stephen Scott	Niagara	Sep. 17, 2009
Ewen, Peter Donald	Hamilton	Sep. 11, 1997
Eyre, Michael Sean	Peterborough	Sep. 17, 1998
Fairbairn, George Brent	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2012
Faraday, Gregory Allan	Niagara	Mar. 26, 2022
Ferguson, Richard Burton	Ottawa	Sep. 12, 2024
Fick, Donald Ray	London	Sep. 13, 1990
Fickling, David Arthur	London	Sep. 13, 2001
Fiddes, Thomas Henry	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 2004
Findlater, Ronald Leroy Mitchell	Woodstock	Sep. 15, 2011
Fisher, Jeffery Keith	Sarnia	Mar. 26, 2022
Fisher, Peter Mason	Sarnia	Sep. 14, 2017
Fisher, Thomas Keith	Sarnia	Sep. 14, 2006
Fleming, Robert James	Sudbury	Mar. 26, 2022
Flemming, Lloyd Roy	Barrie	Sep. 14, 2006
Ford, James Edwin	London	Sep. 16, 2004
Forster, John Matthew	Ottawa	Sep. 13, 2018
Freedman, Richard Lee	North Bay	Sep. 16, 2010
Freeman, Walter John	Kingston	Sep. 14, 2006
Froud, Jeffrey Lawrence	North Bay	Sep. 14, 1995
Fudge, Kevin Scott	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2011
Furlong, John	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2011
Galt, Douglas Everett	Peterborough	Sep. 16, 2004
Gardner, Kenneth Lorne	Guelph	Sep. 14, 1995
Gauthier, Mark	Ottawa	Sep. 15, 2022
German, Harvey Edwin	Chatham	Sep. 17, 2015
Gibson, Kyle Elton	Guelph	Sep. 12, 2024
Gilchrist, Gary Lee	North Bay	Sep. 15, 2005
Gill, Charles Sydney	Niagara	Sep. 12, 2013
Gillespie, Patrick Joseph	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 15, 2022
Ginn, Harold Scott	London	Sep. 15, 2005
Goodman, Clarence Henry	Barrie	Sep. 16, 2004
Gordon, David	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2022
Gordon, Mark James	London	Sep. 13, 2018
Gordon, Robert George	Hamilton	Sep. 14, 2017
Govan, Victor	London	Sep. 13, 2007
Graham, John Francis	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 12, 1985
Graham, William Coyle	Sarnia	Sep. 13, 2018
Grant, Andrew Gordon	North Bay	Sep. 11, 2003
Green, John Cameron	Guelph	Sep. 17, 2015
Greer, Rodney Eldon	Barrie	Sep. 11, 2008
Grieve, Gordon Thomas	Sarnia	Sep. 17, 2015
Groves, Franklin William	Peterborough	Sep. 17, 2015
Guinn, John Gordon William	Ottawa	Sep. 15, 2022
Hale, Herbert James	London	Sep. 12, 1996
Hall, James Sherwood	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2011
Hamilton, Donald John	Guelph	Sep. 17, 2009
Hamilton, James Arthur	North Bay	Sep. 12, 2002
Hamilton, Lachlan Finnick	Barrie	Sep. 11, 2008

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Hanna, John Robert	Hamilton	Sep. 17, 1998
Haramic, Robert	Windsor	Mar. 26, 2022
Haramic, Zeljko Josip	Windsor	Sep. 13, 2018
Harbert, Peter George	Ottawa	Sep. 16, 2004
Harding, James Lee	London	Sep. 11, 2008
Harper, James Mark	Niagara	Sep. 11, 2008
Harris, Roger Allan	Windsor	Sep. 12, 2002
Harrison, Donald Ferdinand	Ottawa	Sep. 16, 1999
Hart, James Francis Rudyard	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2011
Hay, John Richard	Peterborough	Sep. 14, 2006
Hayes, Randall George	Hamilton	Mar. 26, 2022
Heath, George Charles	Toronto	Sep. 16, 1999
Hedges, Christopher Ross	Barrie	Sep. 13, 2012
Hedges, Frederick Gordon	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2011
Hewson, Lawrence James	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 1999
Hicks, Larry Arthur	Woodstock	Sep. 16, 2004
Higgins, Christopher Paul	Thunder Bay	Mar. 26, 2022
Hilderley, Robert John	Woodstock	Sep. 15, 2011
Hillgren, Harold Einar	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 1999
Hooker, Philip Rice Alexander	Hamilton	Sep. 17, 2009
Hooper, Paul William	Windsor	Sep. 16, 1999
Hopcraft, Gordon Norman	North Bay	Sep. 11, 2003
Hopkins, Bernard Gordon	North Bay	Sep. 17, 2009
Horne, McAllister	Niagara	Sep. 15, 2016
Hornibrook, Terrence Malcolm	North Bay	Sep. 17, 2009
Howell, Walter Wiltshire	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2022
Hughes, William Arthur	Peterborough	Sep. 13, 2018
Hull, Thomas Raynard	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2011
Hunter, William Dale	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2013
Hutchinson, Randall Stephen Richard	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2024
Hutchison, Frederick David	Niagara	Sep. 11, 2014
Hynd, Wayne Charles	Barrie	Sep. 12, 1985
Ignatius, Carl Melvyn	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2024
Imrie, John Houston	Barrie	Sep. 11, 2008
Jacobson, David Stanley	Toronto	Sep. 16, 2004
James, Alfred William Fraser	Peterborough	Sep. 17, 2009
James, Robert Charles	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2005
Jameson, Robert Evan	Ottawa	Sep. 12, 2024
Jeffery, John Walter	Guelph	Sep. 15, 2022
Johnson, Brian Lorne	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2013
Johnson, Eric Norman	Thunder Bay	Sep. 15, 2016
Johnson, Jeffery Lloyd	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2024
Johnston, William Vernon Christie	Sarnia	Sep. 15, 2022
Johnstone, Norman Tyrrell	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2007
Jones, David Leslie	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 17, 2009
Jones, Earl Martin	London	Sep. 16, 2004
Jones, Glenson Trevelyn	Ottawa	Sep. 16, 1999
Jones, Harris Merton	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2002
Jones, Kevin Ronald Arthur	Ottawa	Sep. 13, 2012
Jones, Roderick Lee	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2005
Judd, John Edward	London	Sep. 08, 1988
Kallio, Richard Robert	North Bay	Sep. 15, 2022
Keay, Robert Alexander	Peterborough	Sep. 14, 2006

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Kerr, James David	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2022
Kerrigan, Eugene	Windsor	Sep. 15, 2022
Kiernan, Brian Thomas	Hamilton	Sep. 14, 2017
King, Andrew Baptie	Guelph	Sep. 16, 2004
Kingsley, Michael Joseph	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 2013
Kingston, James David	Thunder Bay	Sep. 14, 2000
Kitching, Roger Allen	Sudbury	Sep. 13, 2018
Klotz, Peter	Niagara	Sep. 15, 2022
Knapp, George Kenneth	Toronto	Sep. 11, 2003
Knott, Roderick Dawson	Barrie	Sep. 17, 1998
Koivu, Brian Vilho	Sudbury	Sep. 15, 2011
Kreibich, Kenneth Louis	Sarnia	Sep. 17, 1998
Lacourse, Jacques Craig	North Bay	Sep. 14, 2017
LaFleur, Ian Maxwell	Toronto	Sep. 14, 2017
LaFleur, Vernon Ivor	Toronto	Sep. 11, 2014
Lake, Philip Leonard	Peterborough	Mar. 26, 2022
Laliberte, Donald Kenneth	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2016
Lappan, Clifford Earl	Kingston	Sep. 15, 2005
Lark, John George Irwin	Ottawa	Mar. 26, 2022
Laughton, Donald James	Windsor	Sep. 14, 2000
Lawson, Bryan Wilmer	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2005
Lee, Dennis Harold	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2007
Lee, William Burton	Peterborough	Sep. 12, 2024
Lees, William Thomas	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 1983
Legault, Jean-Francois	Ottawa	Sep. 12, 2024
Lewis, Joseph Winnett	Hamilton	Sep. 14, 2017
Linnemoller, Mark	Barrie	Sep. 11, 2014
Liukko, Paavo Eric	Sudbury	Sep. 15, 2016
Lochbihler, Herbert Roger	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 2024
Lockey, Kevin James	Niagara	Sep. 13, 2018
Loshaw, Giles Orville	Ottawa	Sep. 17, 2015
Lowry, Lyn Milton	Peterborough	Sep. 14, 2006
Lundberg, Neil Alfred	Thunder Bay	Sep. 17, 2015
Luoma, Reijo Allan	Sudbury	Sep. 12, 2024
MacCallum, John Arthur	Toronto	Sep. 10, 1976
Mackey, David Richard	Ottawa	Sep. 16, 2010
MacLeod, David Cameron	London	Sep. 17, 2009
MacLeod, Wendall Everett	Toronto	Sep. 12, 1996
MacMillan, Alexander Harvey	Hamilton	Mar. 26, 2022
MacNevin, Randy Alexander	Windsor	Sep. 11, 2014
MacPherson, John Lando	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2016
Magwood, Gary William	Hamilton	Sep. 17, 2015
Malek, Joe	Barrie	Sep. 11, 2014
Maley, Peter George William	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2005
Mallabar, Richard Cameron	Niagara	Sep. 13, 2012
Malmo, William Merton	London	Mar. 26, 2022
Mandeville, Roland Patrick	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2012
Manz, Robert Frank	Thunder Bay	Mar. 26, 2022
Marshall, Thomas Richard	Hamilton	Sep. 17, 2015
Martin, Michael Ross	Hamilton	Mar. 26, 2022
Martin, Ross Lyle	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2005
Martin, Stephen Wayne	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2011
Mathie, Norman	Toronto	Sep. 17, 2009

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Matijek, Peter John	North Bay	Sep. 12, 1996
Maynard, Terry Albert	Chatham	Sep. 16, 2010
McAuley, William Wayne	Barrie	Sep. 13, 2001
McCarthy, Stephen Justin	Peterborough	Sep. 12, 2013
McCausland, Arnold	Toronto	Sep. 17, 2009
McDonald, Arthur James	Windsor	Sep. 14, 2017
McGill, Noel Ian Murray	Ottawa	Sep. 08, 1994
McGuire, Donald Ross	Chatham	Sep. 15, 2016
McIntyre, Alfred Scott	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2011
McIntyre, Stephen Robert	Barrie	Sep. 13, 2012
McKaig, John Albert	London	Sep. 14, 2006
McKay, Edward Clark	Hamilton	Sep. 11, 2014
McKay, Gordon Alexander	North Bay	Sep. 11, 2008
McKillip, John William	Barrie	Sep. 17, 2015
McLean, Timothy Mark	Ottawa	Mar. 26, 2022
McLelland, Andrew Lind	Toronto	Sep. 17, 2009
McMillan, Ronald William	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2005
McQuade, Stephen Joseph	Hamilton	Sep. 13, 2018
McQuaide, John David Douglas	Peterborough	Sep. 13, 2018
Meadows, Raymond Russel	North Bay	Sep. 17, 2015
Metcalf, Robert Terry	Niagara	Sep. 15, 2022
Militello, John	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2011
Millard, Michael John Russell	North Bay	Mar. 26, 2022
Miller, Ralph Harold	Kingston	Sep. 12, 2013
Miller, William Bruce	Guelph	Sep. 15, 2011
Milligan, Allan Roy	Barrie	Mar. 26, 2022
Mitchell, George Arthur	Niagara	Sep. 17, 2009
Mitchell, William Douglas	Niagara	Sep. 12, 2024
Moffat, Blain Ronald	Peterborough	Sep. 16, 2004
Molata, Richard Lewis	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 2013
Moore, Donald Ross	Kingston	Sep. 17, 1998
Morgan, Gary Stewart	Barrie	Sep. 16, 2010
Morrow, Alred Latona	Guelph	Sep. 13, 2007
Mortlock, Thomas Albert	Peterborough	Sep. 13, 2001
Muha, Ronald Joseph	Niagara	Sep. 14, 2017
Mullen, Benson Fredrick	Sudbury	Sep. 14, 2017
Murdock, Robert James	Barrie	Mar. 26, 2022
Murphy, Terrance John	Guelph	Mar. 26, 2022
Murray, Gordon Philip	Barrie	Sep. 13, 2007
Mylks, Herbert Gordon	Kingston	Sep. 16, 2010
Napper, George Alan	Guelph	Sep. 12, 2002
Nelson, Gary Wayne	North Bay	Sep. 14, 1989
Newton, Harold Edward	Kingston	Sep. 17, 2015
Nichols, Arthur Douglas	Toronto	Sep. 12, 1991
Nichols, David William	London	Sep. 16, 2010
Nickerson, Kris David	Hamilton	Sep. 11, 2014
Niddery, Robert Buchanan	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2018
Noble, Dennis Marshall	Hamilton	Sep. 14, 2000
Noseworthy, Jeffery Allan	Ottawa	Sep. 13, 2018
O'Leary, Dennis Michael	Windsor	Sep. 15, 2005
Olley, Gregory Edward	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2016
Olm, Keith Dale	Ottawa	Sep. 15, 2011
Osborne, Derek Edward	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2022

Name	Valley	Date Received
Ough, Robert Allan	Peterborough	Sep. 14, 2017
Pachal, Terence Dennis Fredric	North Bay	Sep. 12, 1996
Page, Warren Edward	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2011
Pagonis, Anastasios Tom	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2007
Palacol, Eugene Patrick	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2022
Panke, Burton Reinhold	Ottawa	Sep. 13, 1990
Papavramidis, Dimitrios	Toronto	Sep. 16, 2004
Paquette, Joseph Ernest Denis	Hamilton	Mar. 26, 2022
Parker, Robert Edwin	London	Sep. 15, 2011
Parker, Thomas Ralph	Woodstock	Sep. 13, 2018
Parker, Wayne Cedric	Ottawa	Sep. 15, 2022
Parks, Burton William	North Bay	Sep. 13, 2018
Parnell, Grant Howard	Peterborough	Mar. 26, 2022
Paterson, John McKenzie	Windsor	Sep. 10, 1987
Pearce, Bruce Ernest	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 16, 2010
Pearcy, Douglas James	Peterborough	Sep. 11, 2003
Peddle, Thomas Fredrick	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 2024
Pedler, David Harold	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2016
Pedwell, Timothy Russell	Niagara	Sep. 12, 2002
Perham, John Harold	Niagara	Sep. 12, 2013
Perkins, Garry Stuart	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2022
Peters, Stephen John	London	Sep. 15, 2011
Petrisor, Allan John	Woodstock	Sep. 14, 2000
Plummer, Larry David	Sarnia	Sep. 13, 2001
Plyley, David John	Niagara	Sep. 12, 2024
Pocock, Steven Terry	London	Mar. 26, 2022
Pogue, Mark Fisher	Ottawa	Sep. 14, 2017
Polkinghorne, Peter John	Chatham	Sep. 11, 2003
Poon, Stanley Akit	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2005
Potter, Gary George	London	Sep. 17, 2009
Pratt, Donald Leigh Buchanan	Woodstock	Sep. 14, 1989
Pratt, Kennard William Ronald	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2022
Pridham, Norman Stanley Thompson	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2005
Pudas, James Albert	Thunder Bay	Sep. 15, 2005
Quinn, John Marshall	Niagara	Sep. 12, 2024
Quinn, Keith Edwin	Barrie	Sep. 12, 1996
Quinn, Wayne Allan	Sudbury	Sep. 16, 1999
Revell, Wallace David	Kingston	Sep. 15, 2022
Rhodes, Peter Anthony	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2022
Richardson, Frank	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2016
Richardson, William Thomas	Peterborough	Sep. 11, 2014
Robinson, William Todd	Barrie	Mar. 26, 2022
Rose, Hugh Donald	Peterborough	Sep. 11, 2003
Ross, Robert Charles	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 2004
Rousell, Don Herbert	Sudbury	Sep. 17, 2015
Rowe, James Scott	Barrie	Sep. 14, 2017
Runciman, Robert Thomas	Sudbury	Sep. 10, 1992
Saunders, Ronald Douglas	London	Sep. 08, 1988
Schmeler, David Francis	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2005
Schneider, Earl Leo	Guelph	Sep. 12, 2024
Schweitzer, Brian Kenneth	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 2002
Scott, Douglas Allan	Kingston	Mar. 26, 2022
Scott, Graham Alexander	Toronto	Sep. 17, 2015

Name	Valley	Date Received
Scott, Johnston Arthur Hamm	Hamilton	Sep. 14, 2006
Segui, Thomas Bilardino	London	Sep. 11, 2008
Shand, Terence	Toronto	Sep. 16, 1999
Shannon, Brian Carle	Barrie	Sep. 14, 2006
Shaver, Gary Lawson	Ottawa	Sep. 14, 2000
Shaw, Eric Llewellyn	Peterborough	Sep. 14, 2006
Siegfried, Brian Ross	Thunder Bay	Sep. 14, 2017
Siemiernik, Thomas Andrew	Woodstock	Sep. 17, 2015
Silk, David Murray	Barrie	Sep. 12, 1996
Simpson, Donald Alan	Guelph	Sep. 12, 2002
Simpson, Glen Allan	Ottawa	Sep. 12, 2024
Singleton, Steven Arthur	Toronto	Sep. 14, 2006
Slee, Richard Charles	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2005
Sleightholm, Lorne Terry	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2013
Slessor, John Ambrose	Barrie	Sep. 16, 2004
Smith, Allan Lavern	Thunder Bay	Sep. 17, 2015
Smith, Donald Goodwin	Peterborough	Sep. 08, 1988
Smith, John Kevin	Woodstock	Sep. 11, 2014
Smith, Leo Joseph	Toronto	Sep. 11, 2014
Smith, Robert Ellard	Thunder Bay	Sep. 12, 2013
Snider, Barry Craig	Guelph	Sep. 13, 2007
Sotto, Bonifacio Andres	Windsor	Mar. 26, 2022
Soucisse, Garry David	North Bay	Sep. 13, 2007
South, William Edward	North Bay	Sep. 11, 2014
Spence, Reade Kendall	Chatham	Sep. 16, 2004
Squarzolo, David Mario John	Sudbury	Sep. 12, 2024
Stamboulian, Libarid	Windsor	Sep. 15, 2016
Stapleton, George Elwood	Hamilton	Sep. 16, 2004
Stathakis, Koulis	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2012
Stephen, Arnold Paul	Barrie	Sep. 14, 2000
Stevens, David Mark	Toronto	Sep. 11, 2014
Stevenson, Robert Michael	London	Mar. 26, 2022
Stewart, Charles Bruce	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2002
Stewart, James Kenneth	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2005
Stewart, Larry Hugh	Niagara	Sep. 11, 2008
Stewart, Ronald Gary	Guelph	Sep. 15, 2016
Stewart, Ronald James	Hamilton	Sep. 11, 2014
Stillar, Gerald Andrew	North Bay	Sep. 14, 2006
Stinson, Ronald Thomas	Hamilton	Sep. 15, 2005
Strain, Stuart Gordon	London	Sep. 14, 2006
Stuart, Gordon Harold	Hamilton	Sep. 11, 1986
Sulman, Douglas Anthony	Chatham	Sep. 15, 2022
Surovy, Dushan	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2018
Sutherland, William Ross	London	Sep. 14, 1995
Sworik, Dylan Michael	London	Mar. 26, 2022
Tarcea, George Richard	Windsor	Sep. 17, 2009
Tarr, William Peter	Chatham	Sep. 13, 2018
Tate, Robert Clifford	Ottawa	Sep. 13, 2007
Taylor, Robert Melville	Ottawa	Sep. 15, 2005
Teniuk, Roy George	Thunder Bay	Sep. 12, 2024
Teskey, Brian Lloyd	Hamilton	Sep. 12, 2024
Thom, Daryl Arthur	Niagara	Sep. 15, 2005
Thomas, John Keir	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 12, 2024

Name	Valley	Date Received
Thompson, Adam Edward	Ottawa	Sep. 12, 2024
Thompson, Donald William	Woodstock	Sep. 12, 2013
Thompson, John Franklin	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2016
Thomson, John Ronald	Guelph	Sep. 13, 2018
Thomson, William Bruce	Toronto	Mar. 26, 2022
Tight, Douglas William	Chatham	Mar. 26, 2022
Todd, Paul Edward	Ottawa	Sep. 11, 2008
Tomlinson, Douglas Robert	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2024
Toole, Christopher Earl	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2013
Tooley, Barry Bryne	Sudbury	Sep. 17, 2015
Traves, David Ivan Howard	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2022
Truscott, Robert William	Windsor	Sep. 17, 2015
Turner, Gerald Lawrence	Ottawa	Sep. 14, 2000
Utton, William Frederic	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2013
Vail, Bradley Louis	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2011
van Rees, Edward Gerrit Theodore	Woodstock	Sep. 11, 1997
Vasko, James George	Toronto	Sep. 15, 2022
Vaughan, William Otto Alfred	Toronto	Mar. 26, 2022
Veitch, Kenneth Carman	Barrie	Sep. 12, 1991
Walker, David George	Barrie	Sep. 11, 2008
Walker, George Dexter	Barrie	Sep. 16, 2004
Wallace, John	Toronto	Sep. 11, 2003
Walsh, Earl John	Toronto	Sep. 11, 2008
Wark, James Orville	Guelph	Sep. 15, 2011
Watson, Frederick Ralph	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2011
Watson, Robert Trevor	Peterborough	Sep. 15, 2005
Weber, Kent Thomas	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 15, 2022
Weeks, William Joseph Lawrence	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 17, 1998
Weir, Paul Mervyn Gordon	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2022
West, Douglas Allan	Guelph	Sep. 15, 2005
West, Maynard Burton	Barrie	Sep. 13, 2007
West, Ralph Henry	Guelph	Sep. 14, 1995
White, Clifford Eugene	Barrie	Sep. 15, 2022
White, William Morris	London	Sep. 14, 2006
Whitely, Larry George	Sault Ste. Marie	Sep. 16, 1999
Whitmore, Bruce Neil	London	Sep. 15, 2011
Wight, Lorne Douglas	Woodstock	Mar. 26, 2022
Wilson, Harold Raymond	Hamilton	Sep. 13, 2007
Winfield, Leigh Herbert	Peterborough	Sep. 08, 1994
Winter, Clark Wayne	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2013
Wiwchar, Christopher Michael	Barrie	Sep. 12, 2024
Wood, Michael Graham	Barrie	Sep. 17, 2009
Woodhead, Harry Evan	Toronto	Sep. 13, 2007
Woods, Sidney John	Barrie	Sep. 16, 1999
Wright, Herbert Ernest	Toronto	Sep. 12, 2013
Zimmerman, James Peter	Guelph	Mar. 26, 2022

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (7)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Burleigh, Paul James	Summerside	Sep. 11, 2008
Campbell, David Roy	Summerside	Sep. 10, 1992
Crozier, Kevin Bruce	Summerside	Sep. 15, 2022
Delaney, Michael Joseph	Summerside	Sep. 15, 2022

Name	Valley	Date Received
Howatt, James Cooke	Summerside	Sep. 15, 2022
Newson, James Wayne	Summerside	Sep. 11, 2014
Roy, Robert Hugh	Summerside	Sep. 12, 2013

QUÉBEC (17)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Almadini, Kaled	Montreal	Sep. 14, 2017
Contaxakis, George	Montreal	Mar. 26, 2022
De Sevigne, John Howard	Montreal	Sep. 11, 2014
Djigounian, Jean-Baptiste	Montreal	Sep. 15, 2011
El Arja, Rami	Montreal	Sep. 15, 2022
Georges, Jean-Ronald	Montreal (F)	Sep. 14, 2017
Guay, Joseph Claude Richard	Montreal (F)	Sep. 17, 2015
Kahkeshan, Siavoche	Montreal	Sep. 12, 2024
Laframboise, Rejean	Montreal	Sep. 16, 2010
Leide, John Edgar	Montreal	Sep. 14, 2006
Lono, Armand John	Montreal	Sep. 12, 1996
McDonald, John Alvin	Montreal	Sep. 15, 2022
McKeown, Gary Brian	Montreal	Sep. 12, 2024
Ross, Donald Carter	Montreal	Sep. 10, 1992
Sicard, Marc Andre	Montreal	Sep. 13, 2012
Snickars, Peter John	Montreal	Sep. 17, 2009
Tardy, Raymond	Montreal	Sep. 12, 2024

SASKATCHEWAN (35)

Name	Valley	Date Received
Angel, Joseph Francis	Saskatoon	Sep. 13, 2018
Bachynski, Colin Borden	Regina	Sep. 15, 2005
Boyachek, Victor Michael	Regina	Sep. 13, 2018
Brunsdon, William Richard Ian	Saskatoon	Sep. 15, 2011
Bye, Raymond George	Regina	Sep. 16, 2004
Davey, James Gordon	Saskatoon	Sep. 17, 2015
Goodman, Calvin Lloyd	Saskatoon	Sep. 14, 2017
Gutfriend, Richard Joseph	Regina	Sep. 11, 2008
Halstead, Timothy Philip Gresham	Saskatoon	Sep. 15, 2022
Hanlan, Graham Ronald	Regina	Sep. 10, 1987
Hart, Darrell Allan	Saskatoon	Sep. 15, 2022
Henry, William John	Regina	Sep. 13, 2018
Hyland, Daryl Ricky	Saskatoon	Sep. 14, 2006
Martin, Foster Murray	Regina	Sep. 15, 2011
Matheson, Robert Neil	Saskatoon	Sep. 12, 1985
McAuley, Joshua Declan	Saskatoon	Sep. 15, 2022
McDougall, Donald Sheldon	Regina	Sep. 15, 2022
McFarland, James Byron	Saskatoon	Sep. 15, 2022
McGregor, Norman James	Saskatoon	Sep. 13, 2018
Meyers, David Florian	Saskatoon	Sep. 13, 2007
Miller, Edward Albert	Saskatoon	Sep. 15, 2022
Munn, Morley Eldon	Regina	Sep. 16, 2004
Ollerich, Justin James	Saskatoon	Sep. 12, 2024
Pizzey, William Kent	Saskatoon	Mar. 26, 2022
Polachek, David John Ross	Regina	Sep. 15, 2022
Rigden, Charles Andrew	Regina	Sep. 16, 2004

Name	Valley	Date Received
Rondeau, Kirk Malcolm	Regina	Sep. 14, 2006
Sandiford, Erskine Frank Winston	Regina	Sep. 17, 2009
Sherstobitoff, Gary Peter	Saskatoon	Mar. 26, 2022
Sherstobitoff, Jonathan Lynn	Saskatoon	Sep. 13, 2012
Skuce, Dennis John	Saskatoon	Sep. 14, 2017
Snell, Graham Blake	Saskatoon	Mar. 26, 2022
Stickney, James Allan	Saskatoon	Sep. 12, 2024
Tataryn, Russell Murray	Regina	Sep. 15, 2022
Yanko, Terrance Kimberly	Regina	Sep. 15, 2022

Members At Large By Virtue of Art. 13 (12)

Members At Large By Virtue of Art. 13

Name	Valley	Date Received
Aberdeen, Robert Gordon John	Edmonton	Sept. 11, 1980
Brower-Berkhoven, Isaac Brock	Fraser Valley	Sept. 11, 2008
Carey, Jack Ernest	Regina	Sept. 14, 2006
Moorse, Brian Jeffrey	Toronto	Sept. 14, 2000
Mumford, Gene Gordon	Guelph	Sept. 16, 2004
Nissen, Peter Ragnar	Montréal	Sept. 13, 1990
Perry, Alan Martin	Calgary	Sept. 16, 1999
Raine, Norman David	Fredericton	Sept. 13, 1990
Ramsay, Harold *Douglas*	Regina	Sept. 14, 1979
Rutherford, Frederick Ingram	Halifax	Sept. 08, 1994
Thomas, Norman Randall	Edmonton	Sept. 16, 2004
Weaver, Lorne Bruce	Windsor	Sept. 15, 2005

Members At Large By Virtue of Art. 14 (1)

Members At Large By Virtue of Art. 14

Name	Valley	Date Received
Robbins, George Russell	Hamilton	Sept. 12, 2002

Honorary Members of Other Supreme Councils Since 1874

1874	†Dr. Robert Hamilton	Grand Chaplain	*England & Wales
	†Hon. Albert Pike	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Josiah H. Drummond	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1877	†John F. Townshend	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1888	†The Earl of Lathom	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Col. Nathaniel G. Phillips	P. Sov. Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†The Earl of Rosslyn	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
	†Jacinto de Castro	Sovereign Grand Commander	St. Domingo
	†Henry L. Palmer	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†George Otis Tyler	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1892	†D. Burnam Tracy	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1893	†Brenton Daniel Babcock	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1895	†Frederick Webber	Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1897	†Clinton Paige	Secretary-General	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1906	†Hon. James D. Richardson	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†James Hodge Codding	Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†James Isaac Buchanan	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1907	†The Compte G.D'Alviella	Sovereign Grand Commander	Belgium
1909	†Jean Marie Raymond	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
	†William Homan	Active Member	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Gen. Samuel C.Lawrence	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1913	†Field Marshall H.R.H. Arthur W.P.A. Duke of Connaught & Strathern K.G.	Grand Patron	*England & Wales
	†Barton Smith	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1915	†George Fleming Moore	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1922	†Raoul V. Palermi	Sovereign Grand Commander	Italy
	†Leon Martin Abbott	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1924	†Ernest Bertrand Hussey	Grand Rep.S. C. of Canada	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1927	†John H. Cowles	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1929	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore K.P.	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
1932	†Frederic B.Stevens	P.Grand Lt. Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1933	†Melvin Maynard Johnson	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1937	†Charles C. Nisbet	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland

	†Hon. Justice Gerald FitzGibbon	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1941	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Stair, K.T., D.S.O.	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
1943	†J. Gilbart Smyly	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
1949	†Col. Sir Henry McMahon, G.C.M.G.	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†George E. Bushnell	Past Grand Lt Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1950	†Sir Trevor J. Matthews	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Elgin & Kincardine	Past Grand Lt Commander	Scotland
1952	†Raymond F. Brooke	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
	†Frederic H. Stevens	Sovereign Grand Commander	Philippines
1953	†Thomas J. Harkins	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Charles P. Summerall	Grand Minister of State	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†René J. Raymond	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
1954	†N. Garcia Bapista	Sovereign Grand Commander	Venezuela
1955	†The Right Hon. The Lord Saltoun	Grand Chancellor	Scotland
1955	†Fabian Onsari	Sovereign Grand Commander	Argentina
	†Thomas C. Law	Active Member	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Arthur L. F. Cook	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
1956	†Major Robert L. Loyd, M.C., O.B.E.	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Luther A. Smith	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1964	†The Right Hon. The Lord Macdonald	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
	†Col. Sir Basil A. T. McFarland	Sovereign Grand Commander	Ireland
	†W. B. I. Hofman	Sovereign Grand Commander	The Netherlands
1964	†Conrado Benitez	Sovereign Grand Commander	Philippines
	†Raul Cordero Amador	Sovereign Grand Commander	Mexico
1967	†George A. Newbury	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1969	†Sir Eric Studd, Bt., O.B.E.	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
1970	†Henry C. Clausen	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1971	†The Right Hon. The Earl of Galloway	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
1976	†Major-General Sir Ralph Hone	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Stanley F. Maxwell	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1980	†Alberto Mansur	Sovereign Grand Commander	Brazil
1982	Henri L. Baranger	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
1986	†C. Fred Kleinknecht	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†Francis G. Paul	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

1982	†Harold D. Still	Sovereign Grand Commander	*England & Wales
	†Lauri Sarkia	Sovereign Grand Commander	Finland
	†C. J. P. van Boven	Sovereign Grand Commander	The Netherlands
	†Jean-Pierre Grenier	Sovereign Grand Commander	Switzerland
	†Sidney R. Baxter	Asst. to the SGC	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
1993	†Andrew Watt	Sovereign Grand Commander	Australia
	†Agustin Arriaga Rivera	Sovereign Grand Commander	Mexico
1994	†Robert O. Ralston	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
	†David Kruger	Grand Secretary-General	Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
2000	†J. Philip Berquist	Past Deputy for Massachusetts	Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.
2004	†Walter E. Webber	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, USA
2005	Ronald A. Seale	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, USA
	Jack D. Rehberg	Grand Almoner, Active Member	Southern Jurisdiction, USA
2006	†Jack Ball	Sovereign Grand Commander	Australia
2007	John Wm. McNaughton	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, USA
2011	Luiz Fernando Rodrigues Torres	Sovereign Grand Commander	Brazil
	†George Turek	Honorary Inspector-General	Czech Republic
2012	Jean Luc Fauque	Sovereign Grand Commander	France
2017	Eberhard Desch	Sovereign Grand Commander	Germany
2018	David A. Glattly	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, USA
2020	James D. Cole	Sovereign Grand Commander	Southern Jurisdiction, USA
	Alan J. Englefield	Sovereign Grand Commander	England and Wales
	J. M. Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet	Sovereign Grand Commander	Scotland
2023	Peter J. Samiec	Sovereign Grand Commander	Northern Jurisdiction, USA
2024	Dr. Giles Shilson	Grand Secretary-General	England & Wales
	Alexander Galbraith	Grand Secretary-General	Scotland

† *Deceased*

Active Members from Formation 1874

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† Thomas Douglas Harington
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† John Walter Murton
† Hugh Alexander MacKay
† John Valentine Ellis
† David Ransom Munro
† James Domville
† James Kirkpatrick Kerr
† Hugh William Chisholm
† William James Bury MacLeod Moore
† William Reid
† William Henry Hutton
† Eugene Mortimer Copeland
† Isaac Henry Stearns
† Benjamin Lester Peters
† Robert Thomas Clinch
† Hugh Murray
† William Benjamin Simpson
† Charles Napier Bell
† Daniel Spry
† Francis Partridge
† George Thomas Smithers
† David McLelland
† John Morison Gibson
† Herbert Swinford
† Frederick Joseph Menet
† Edward Lusher Foster
† Angus William Hooper
† James Frederick Walker
† William Henry Thorne
† John James Mason
† Albert Daniel Nelson
† Enoch Bruce Butterworth
† William Henry Ballard
† Benjamin Tooke
† John De Wolfe Chipman
† Charles Wells Hager
† Benjamin Allen
† Elias Talbot Malone
† Daniel Fraser MacWatt
† Alexander Stephen
† John McKechnie
† Roderick MacNeill
† William Brown McArthur
† William Gibson
† William George Eakins
† Sydney Albert Luke
† Joseph Richard Seymore
† William Marshall Black
† Edwin James Everett
† Donald Darrach
† Thomas Lees
† James Glanville
† Frederick Justus Howell
† Alexander McDougall
† T. Harry Webb
† William Allen Young
† John Alexander Cameron
† Thomas Walker
† Alfred Frederick Webster
† Augustus Toplady Freed
† James Henry Winfield
† Lewis Frederick Riggs
† Edward Ainslie Braithwaite
† Alexander Sheppard
† Frank Charters
† Frank Goodell Wait
† George Moore
† John McKnight
† Arthur Carson McMaster
† Alexander Flemming Copland Ross
† John Crawford Scott
† Walter Hammill Davis
† Jabez Miller
† Robert William Clewlo
† Walter Norris Duff
† Albert Edward Cooper
† Joseph Elwood Miller
† William McGregor Logan
† William Hugh Wardrope
† Arthur Barton Wood
† Edward Harper Cairns
† Stewart Coulter Burton
† John Albert Rowland
† Douglas Gordon McIllwraith
† Harry Holgate Watson
† George Davidson Ellis
† William James Mayor

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† Oliver Edward Stanton
† John Albert Dobbie
† Alexander Chisholm
† James Alexander Henderson
† Francis James Burd
† Derwin Trevor Owen
† Charles Stanton Hamilton
† Frank Armitage Copus
† James Mackie
† Charles Fenson Sanford
† George William Mercier Ballard
† George Henry Ross
† Harold Thomson Malcolmson
† Charles Laurie Ells
† Douglas Fraser
† Thomas Kingsmill Wade
† Stuart Harman Lees
† Reginald Francis Wright
† James Alexander Simpson
† Howard Brown Moore
† William Carswell
† Clarence MacLeod Pitts
† Arthur Cross
† George Frederick Kingsmill
† William Carey Ditmars
† Hugh Macdonald Dunlop
† Walter Hall Ross
† Charles Herbert Cunningham
† Fred Loran Wallace
† William David Lawrence
† Walter Hall Russell
† Richard Coulton Berkinshaw
† John Robert Charles Evans
† Reginald William Louthood
† Howard Burton MacDonald
† George Cleveland Derby
† Clarence McNaughton Steeves
† Alexander George Storie
† Ernest Burdette Thompson
† Donald Alexander Roy McCannel
† William Addison Henry
† Carroll Nelson Simpson
† Reginald Vanderbilt Harris
† James McLean Marshall
† Robert Barclay Pow
† Albert Edward Fowles
† John Rudd Rumball
† Robert Alexander Brunie Woottom
† William Lockridge Wright
† Harry Eastwood Howard
† Clyde Sinclair Clancy
† Ernest Macaulay Dilton
† Herbert Busby Jackson
† Bernard Veysey Atkinson
† William Alfred Jones
† Walter Hodgins Gibson
† George Allan Wilson
† Walter Clinton McDonald
† Robert Moore Stanton
† Wilbert George Welby
† Donald Lloyd Witter
† Thaddeus Mark Sieniewicz
† Arthur Lawrence Scace
† Kenneth Roberts Nelson
† William Coulter Rennick
† Charles Joseph Boyle
† Frederick Edward Belsham
† Henry Arthur Vallieres
† Reginald Clifford Hodsman
† Donald Methuen Fleming
† John Herbert Forbes
† Roy Woodrow Austin
† Frederic James Veale
† George Barlow Ingraham
† James Palmer Kent
† George Stanley Rogers
† Harvey Roy Doane
† David Monteith Taylor
† Alfred Irwin McFarlane
† Thomas Llewelyn Wilson
† Walter Stewart Owen
† Gordon Murray Barrie
† Cyril Cormick
† George Edward Turner
† Walter Henry Mortlock
† Gordon Alexander Ferguson

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Province	City	Name	2023	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	2024	Chg
AB	Calgary	Calgary	131	0	11	1	1	3	4	12	125	-6
L of Perf	Lacombe	Central Alberta	45	-2	1	0	0	0	2	0	42	-3
	Edmonton	Edmonton	207	0	17	0	3	7	11	13	196	-11
	Lethbridge	Lethbridge	33	0	3	10	0	1	2	1	42	9
	4	**Total**	**416**	**-2**	**32**	**11**	**4**	**11**	**19**	**26**	**405**	**-11**
BC	Campbell River	Strathcona	50	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	51	1
L of Perf	Langley	Fraser Valley	77	0	5	2	2	2	4	3	77	0
	Kamloops	Thompson Valley	55	-2	0	0	0	1	4	0	48	-7
	Castlegar/Nelson	Kootenay-Boundary	20	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	21	1
	Nanaimo	Colville	77	0	6	1	1	1	3	2	79	2
	Prince George	Cariboo	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	0
	Prince Rupert	Skeena Valley	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0
	Vancouver	Vancouver	133	-7	10	2	1	1	8	3	127	-6
	Vernon	Okanagan	105	5	8	1	0	2	5	0	112	7
	Victoria	Victoria	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	0
	10	**Total**	**728**	**-4**	**32**	**7**	**5**	**9**	**24**	**9**	**726**	**-2**
MB	Brandon	Brandon	30	-3	0	0	1	0	0	0	28	-2
L of Perf	Winnipeg	Winnipeg	98	10	6	0	1	6	5	5	99	1
	2	**Total**	**128**	**7**	**6**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**5**	**5**	**127**	**-1**
NB	Fredericton	Maxwell	47	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	44	-3
L of Perf	Moncton	Moncton	77	0	2	1	3	4	2	1	76	-1
	Saint John	Saint John	63	0	2	0	1	3	3	0	60	-3
	3	**Total**	**187**	**0**	**6**	**1**	**4**	**9**	**6**	**3**	**180**	**-7**
NL	St. John's	Centennial	69	0	15	0	0	3	0	0	81	12
L of Perf	**1**	**Total**	**69**	**0**	**15**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**81**	**12**
NS	Halifax	Victoria	143	0	9	1	2	8	6	11	130	-13
L of Perf	Sydney	Cape Breton	80	0	2	0	0	1	3	8	70	-10
	2	**Total**	**223**	**0**	**11**	**1**	**2**	**9**	**9**	**19**	**200**	**-23**
ON	Barrie	Barrie	1,048	0	19	3	0	60	16	29	965	-83
L of Perf	Chatham	Chatham	122	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	120	-2
	Guelph	Royal City	259	0	10	1	0	3	1	0	266	7
	Hamilton	Murton	1,121	0	18	1	0	46	2	1	1,091	-30
	Kingston	Kingston	119	0	10	1	0	2	5	5	118	-1
	London	London	797	0	13	1	0	27	0	1	783	-14
	Niagara Falls	Elgin	321	0	11	1	2	14	1	1	319	-2
	North Bay	North Bay	364	5	5	2	0	20	7	3	346	-18
	Ottawa	Ottawa	229	0	12	4	0	8	2	2	233	4
	Peterborough	Peterborough	480	0	24	0	0	19	6	7	472	-8
	Sarnia	Sarnia	131	0	4	0	0	2	3	0	130	-1
	Sault Ste Marie	Sault Ste Marie	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	0
	Sudbury	Sudbury & District	221	0	3	1	0	8	1	4	212	-9
	Thunder Bay	Superior	124	-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	-10
	Toronto	Toronto Grand	1,289	0	53	4	1	35	7	6	1,299	10
	Windsor	Windsor	224	0	3	0	0	9	0	0	218	-6
	Woodstock	Woodstock	245	0	6	0	0	7	0	0	244	-1
	17	**Total**	**7,203**	**-5**	**192**	**19**	**4**	**262**	**53**	**59**	**7,039**	**-164**
PE	Summerside	Albert Edward	41	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	41	0
L of Perf	**1**	**Total**	**41**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**41**	**0**
QC	Montreal	Hochelaga	181	0	17	0	0	5	2	7	184	3
L of Perf	Montreal	Fleur de Lys	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121	0
	Quebec	Quebec	27	6	4	0	0	1	0	0	36	9
	3	**Total**	**329**	**6**	**21**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**2**	**7**	**341**	**12**
SK	Regina	Regina	209	0	0	1	0	9	4	2	195	-14
L of Perf	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	97	0	1	0	1	4	6	2	87	-10
	2	**Total**	**306**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**13**	**10**	**4**	**282**	**-24**
	45	**Grand Total**	**9,630**	**2**	**317**	**40**	**22**	**328**	**129**	**132**	**9,422**	**-208**

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Chapter of Rose Croix

Province	City	Name	2023	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	2024	Chg
AB	Calgary	Delta	127	27	4	1	1	3	4	12	141	14
CRC	Edmonton	Mizpah	268	-37	21	0	3	7	11	13	224	-44
	2	**Total**	**395**	**-10**	**25**	**1**	**4**	**10**	**15**	**25**	**365**	**-30**
BC	Langley	Fraser Valley	77	-1	0	2	2	2	4	3	71	-6
CRC	Kamloops	Thompson	52	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	48	-4
	Castlegar/Nelson	Kokanee	23	-4	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	-4
	Prince George	New Caledonia	66	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	68	2
	Vancouver	Vancouver	127	-6	5	2	1	1	8	1	119	-8
	Vernon	Moray	104	-5	1	1	0	2	4	0	95	-9
	Victoria	Victoria	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	0
	7	**Total**	**654**	**-15**	**9**	**5**	**3**	**6**	**20**	**5**	**625**	**-29**
MB	Brandon	Brandon	24	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	28	4
CRC	Winnipeg	Bethesda	118	-14	4	0	1	6	5	5	93	-25
	2	**Total**	**142**	**-14**	**7**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**5**	**5**	**121**	**-21**
NB	Fredericton	King Solomon	48	-2	4	0	0	2	1	2	45	-3
CRC	Moncton	Britton	71	-9	3	1	1	4	1	1	61	-10
	Saint John	Harington Sovereign	64	-8	8	0	1	3	2	0	60	-4
	3	**Total**	**183**	**-19**	**15**	**1**	**2**	**9**	**4**	**3**	**166**	**-17**
NL	St. John's	Macgillivray	69	-1	0	0	0	3	0	0	65	-4
CRC	**1**	**Total**	**69**	**-1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**65**	**-4**
NS	Halifax	Keith Sovereign	140	0	9	1	2	8	6	11	127	-13
CRC	Sydney	Isle Royale	73	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	62	-11
	2	**Total**	**213**	**0**	**9**	**1**	**2**	**9**	**9**	**18**	**189**	**-24**
ON	Barrie	Spry	997	-15	16	4	0	56	13	21	912	-85
CRC	Chatham	Kent	120	-10	1	0	1	2	1	0	109	-11
	Guelph	Guelph	257	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	255	-2
	Hamilton	Hamilton Sovereign	914	-5	23	1	0	39	2	1	891	-23
	Kingston	Rose of Sharon	109	0	0	1	0	2	5	3	100	-9
	London	London Sovereign	880	0	8	0	0	25	0	0	863	-17
	Niagara Falls	Niagara	275	-15	19	2	2	14	1	1	267	-8
	North Bay	North Bay	494	-17	7	2	0	23	11	6	446	-48
	Ottawa	Murray	205	-2	11	3	0	7	1	2	207	2
	Peterborough	Peterborough	466	-29	26	1	0	17	6	7	434	-32
	Sault Ste Marie	Sault Ste Marie	106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	0
	Thunder Bay	Nanna Bijou	122	-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	-12
	Toronto	Toronto Sovereign	1,079	0	35	4	1	33	6	5	1,075	-4
	Windsor	Windsor	223	-2	3	0	0	9	0	0	215	-8
	Woodstock	Centennial	209	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	203	-6
	15	**Total**	**6,456**	**-107**	**149**	**19**	**4**	**235**	**47**	**46**	**6,193**	**-263**
PE	Summerside	St. Lawrence	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	38	-1
CRC	**1**	**Total**	**39**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**38**	**-1**
QC	Montreal	Hochelaga Sov.	115	-8	0	0	0	5	1	7	94	-21
CRC	Montreal	Du Mont Real	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0
	2	**Total**	**171**	**-8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**	**7**	**150**	**-21**
SK	Regina	Regina	206	-11	4	1	0	9	4	2	185	-21
CRC	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	95	-2	1	0	1	4	6	2	83	-12
	2	**Total**	**301**	**-21**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**18**	**11**	**11**	**268**	**-33**
	37	**Grand Total**	**8,623**	**-195**	**219**	**28**	**18**	**301**	**113**	**120**	**8,180**	**-443**

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Consistory

Province	City	Name	2023	Discp	Admitted	Affiliated	Restored	Died	Left	Susp'd	2024	Chg
AB	Calgary	Southalta	156	-9	4	1	1	3	4	12	134	-22
Consistory	Edmonton	Alberta	261	-17	26	0	3	7	11	13	242	-19
	2	**Total**	**417**	**-26**	**30**	**1**	**4**	**10**	**15**	**25**	**376**	**-41**
BC	Vancouver	British Columbia	280	-29	13	2	3	8	17	5	239	-41
Consistory	Vernon	Morning Star	110	3	0	1	0	2	3	0	109	-1
	Victoria	Vancouver Island	193	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193	0
	2	**Total**	**583**	**-26**	**13**	**3**	**3**	**10**	**20**	**5**	**541**	**-42**
MB	Brandon	Brandon	23	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	28	5
Consistory	Winnipeg	Manitoba Sovereign	118	-14	4	0	1	6	5	5	93	-25
	2	**Total**	**141**	**-13**	**7**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**5**	**5**	**121**	**-20**
NB	Saint John	NB Sovereign	152	-18	14	0	2	6	3	2	139	-13
Consistory	**1**	**Total**	**152**	**-18**	**14**	**0**	**2**	**6**	**3**	**2**	**139**	**-13**
NL	St. John's	Nfld & Lab	64	-2	4	0	0	3	0	0	63	-1
Consistory	**1**	**Total**	**64**	**-2**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**63**	**-1**
NS/PE	Halifax	NS Sovereign	221	-24	9	0	2	10	6	14	178	-43
Consistory	**1**	**Total**	**221**	**-24**	**9**	**0**	**2**	**10**	**6**	**14**	**178**	**-43**
ON	Barrie	Barrie	1,195	-12	28	1	0	55	18	25	1,114	-81
Consistory	Hamilton	Moore Sovereign	4,304	-68	104	1	2	163	11	7	4,162	-142
	Ottawa	Ottawa	287	27	8	3	0	7	1	3	314	27
	Thunder Bay	North Star	113	-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	-8
	4	**Total**	**5,899**	**-61**	**140**	**5**	**2**	**225**	**30**	**35**	**5,695**	**-204**
QC	Montreal	Montreal Sov.	126	11	0	0	0	5	1	7	124	-2
Consistory	Montreal	Phénix	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0
	2	**Total**	**172**	**11**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**	**7**	**170**	**-2**
SK	Regina	Saskatchewan	197	-8	4	1	0	8	4	2	180	-17
Consistory	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0
	2	**Total**	**290**	**-8**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**8**	**4**	**2**	**273**	**-17**
	17	**Grand Total**	**7,939**	**-167**	**221**	**10**	**15**	**283**	**84**	**95**	**7,556**	**-383**

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1876	"	"	"	"	"
1877	"	"	"	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	"	"	"	"	"
1880	"	William H. Hutton	William B. Simpson	"	"
1881	"	"	"	"	"
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1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	"	"	"	"	"
1886	John V. Ellis	John W. Murton	Daniel Sprey	Hugh Murray	"
1887	"	"	"	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	"	"	"	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"
1891	"	"	"	"	"
1892	John W. Murton	Isaac H. Sterns	"	"	"
1893	"	"	"	"	"
1894	"	"	"	"	"
1895	"	"	"	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	“	“	Hon. John M. Gibson	“	“
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1899	"	"	"	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	"	"	"	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	"	"	"	"	"
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1905	“	“	“	“	“
1906	“	“	“	“	“
1907	“	“	“	“	“
1908	“	“	Benjamin Tooke	“	“
1909	“	“	“	“	“
1910	“	“	Benjamin Allen	“	“
1911	"	"	"	"	"
1912	“	“	“	“	“
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1915	"	"	"	"	"
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1917	"	"	"	"	"
1918	"	"	"	"	"
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1921	"	"	"	"	"

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1927	"	"	"	"	"
1928	“	“	“	“	“
1929	"	"	"	"	"
1930	"	"	"	"	"
1931	"	"	"	"	"
1932	"	"	"	"	"
1933	"	"	"	"	"
1934	William H. Wardrope	John A. Rowland	"	W. H. Davis	John A. Rowland
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1936	"	"	"	"	"
1937	"	"	"	"	"
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1940	John A. Rowland	Alec F. C. Ross	James H. Winfield	James A. Henderson	"
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1942	Douglas C. McIlwraith	George H. Ross	"	"	"
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1945	“	“	“	“	“
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1948	George H. Ross	Douglas Fraser	"	"	"
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1952	Stuart H. Lees (Hnr)	Thomas K. Wade	"	"	"
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1953	“	“	“	“	“
1954	"	"	"	"	"
1955	Thomas K. Wade	James A. Simpson	"	"	"
1956	“	“	“	“	“
1957	"	"	"	"	"
1958	James A. Simpson	R. Coulton Berkinshaw	"	"	"
1959	“	“	“	Charles H. Cunningham	“
1960	“	“	“	“	John l. Rumball
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1962	"	"	"	"	"
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1966	"	"	"	"	"
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1973	Harvey R. Doane	Walter C. MacDonald	J. Herbert Forbes	"	"
1974	"	"	"	"	"
1975	"	"	"	Wilfred N. Paterson	"
1976	Walter C. McDonald	Walter H. Mortlock	Gordon L. Bennett	"	Richard J. Lord
1977	"	"	"	"	"
1978	"	"	"	John V. Lawer	"
1979	Walter H. Mortlock	Lyle H. Bergstrom	"	"	"
1980	"	"	"	"	"
1981	"	"	"	"	"
1982	Lyle H. Bergstrom	Gordon L. Bennett	Kempton Keeble	John C. Allan	Howard A. Cox
1983	"	"	"	"	"
1984	"	"	Robert G. Luftus	"	"
1985	Gordon L. Bennett	John A. Bourne	"	John W. Lowry	"
1986	"	"	George C. Schaef	"	John C. Allan
1987	"	"	"	"	"
1988	John A. Bourne	John V. Lawer	"	John I. Carrick	"
1989	"	"	"	"	"
1990	"	"	W. Robertson Carvath	"	"
1991	John V. Lawer	Harold E. Crosby	"	"	J. Newcombe Fenton
1992	"	"	"	"	"
1993	"	"	"	"	"
1994	Harold E. Crosby	Glenn M. Martin	"	"	"
1995	"	"	"	Robert G. Wands	"
1996	"	"	"	"	"
1997	Glenn M. Martin	Norman E. Byrne	Donald W. Dixon	"	H. Edward Standish
1998	"	"	"	"	"
1999	"	"	"	"	"
2000	Norman E. Byrne	Orlan J. Weber	"	Donald D. Thornton	"
2001	"	"	"	"	"
2002	"	"	Allard B. Loopstra	"	"
2003	Orlan J. Weber	C. Robert Townshend	"	H. Edward Standish	Thomas E. Lewis
2004	"	"	"	"	"
2005	"	"	"	"	"
2006	C. Robert Townshend	Matthew F. Todd	"	"	"
2007	"	"	"	Donald N. Campbell	"
2008	"	"	"	"	"
2009	Matthew F. Todd	Richard A. H. Brown	"	Terry A. McLean	"
2010	"	"	"	"	"
2011	"	"	"	"	"
2012	Richard A. H. Brown	Terry A. McLean	"	Brian W. Gilkinson	"
2013	”	"	"	"	"
2014	”	"	"	"	"
2015	Terry A. McLean	Robert S. Whitmore	"	"	"
2016	"	"	"	Robert Brethour	"
2017	"	"	"	"	"
2018	Robert S. Whitmore	David A. Bennett	"	Terry A. McLean	"

	Sovereign Grand Commander	Lieutenant Grand Commander	Grand Chancellor	Grand Secretary-General	Grand Treasurer-General
2019	“	“	“	“	“
2020	“	“	Brian W. Gilkinson	“	Alan J. Stoddart
2021	“	“	“	“	“
2022	David A. Bennett	Thomas A. Wills	“	“	“
2023	“	“	“	“	“
2024	“	“	“	“	“
2025	“	“	“	“	“

General Comments on the 2025 Executive Annual Session

The 151st scheduled Executive Annual Session, with 47 Active and Past Active members on the call, was held virtually using Zoom technology on September 10th.

As our 150th Anniversary is now history, the following took place at this Executive Session.

Once again prior to the Executive Meeting, the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation held their Annual General Meeting under the Chairmanship of Richard Jones, President. The minutes are published in the Proceedings. This was followed with the Executive Session chaired by the Sovereign Grand Commander. The Executive Session consisted of receiving the reports on the Preliminaries, discussion of proposed amendments to our Statutes & Regulations, approval of the Nominations Committee regarding 43 new Honorary Inspectors-General for 2026 in Hamilton, two Honorary Memberships, two new John Ross Mathewson recipients and approval of various financial statements including Supreme Council Budget 2025-2026. All the minutes and transactions if the Executive Session are published in the Proceedings.

The Sovereign Grand Commander gave his Allocution and the Jurisprudence & Legislation Committee Chairman gave a favourable report on the Allocution.

The Executive Session concluded its portion of the teleconference and was closed by the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Terry A. Mclean
Grand Secretary-General